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Parents to sign formal contracts with school heads

EDUCATION EDITOR

ALL parents will have a formal. contract with their children's school under plans outlined yesterday by the Prime Minister, who is eager to trump Labour's growing emphasis on civic duties.

John Major promised a raft of education reforms, beginning to-day with an easing of the limits on schools' power to select pupils. He also wants headteachers to be given the power to make the

contracts a condition of admission. according to ministerial sources. The move would give the contracts binding force and mean that parents who failed to keep their

side of the agreement would be putting their children's position in the school at risk. Under the contracts proposed by Labour, parents agree to ensure that their children regularly attend school and do their homework. They will also do all they can to ensure that the children behave.

expect parents to sign contracts before their children are admitted. Mr Major, interviewed on BBC TV's Breakfast with Frost, said contracts would be introduced nationally to ensure closer collaboration between home and school. Labour made a similar pledge last month and immediately

ing its policies.

Gillian Shephard, Education and Employment Secretary, last week emphasised the importance parental involvement, but

accused the Government of steal-

appeared to rule out legislation. John Patten, Mrs Shephard's predecessor, promised an extension of home-school contracts in 1993, but doubts about the practicalities of a national system ensured that the scheme was stillborn. Now concern about violence in and around schools has added to the pressure

for action. Although schools would have no legal powers to enforce contracts. new guidelines would give reachers greater authority to demand parental support before they are forced to

would also have the right to a clear statement of a school's aims.

Head teachers have been calling for almost a decade for greater support for contracts. David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "The Department has been far too slow to adopt contracts as a fundamental way to improve liaison between home and school. To be successful nationally, they need a lot of Government support." Parents' representatives and othastic. Margaret Morrissey, the spokeswoman of the National Con-federation of Parent Teacher Associations, said Mr Major was "using a sledgehammer to crack a nut". Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters, Union of Women

Teachers, said the scheme would

lead to more red tape. Mrs Shephard is expected to draw back from legislating for church schools to become grantmaintained without balloting paris published this week. The pruposed privatisation of student loans has already been postponed for a

Today, she will publish new. simplified guidance un school admissions. Schools will be permined to interview pupils and parents, as well as reserving 15 per cent of their places for those displaying aptitude for music, languages, technology

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Unite or we fall, Major tells MPs

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR publicly accepted the possibility of a general election defeat for the first time yesterday when he told Conservatives that they would lose unless they ended their internal battles and pulled together.

Delivering his grimmest warning yet of the dangers of the disputes that have resurfaced since the defection of Emma Nicholson, the Prime to hand power to a Labour Party that had opposed everything the Tories had done for

The Conservative Party was a broad church capable of accommodating both Left and Right, and it would continue to fight on a centre-right, not a far-right agenda. No party he led would be "captured" by extremists on either wing, he

But while Mr Major urged all his party to join him in a "battle royal" against Labour, insisting that the election was there to be won. Tony Blair declared that Conservatives were "finished as a serious

political governing force".

He said that Mr Major's interview on BBC Television's Breakfast with Frost programme was not that of a leader of a country, but of a leader trying to hold together two incompatible wings of his party. Speaking in the Far East, Mr Blair said: "He desperately pleaded for unity. But they cannot unite around policies, so they are forced to try to unite around attacking Labour.

Mr Blair's long-distance campaigning will intensify today when he tells an audience field ngapore that Labour is Gast the one-nation party in fain with the policies for Finging the country together ith shared power, wealth

and opportunity. Although the election could be 16 months away, yester-day's exchanges confirmed that senior politicians are thinking of little else.

Mr Major's assessment was

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stark. He told Sir David Frost: This election is here to be won. But it is also there to be lost. If the Conservative Party does not realise the opportunities that lie ahead and throws it away by disputes within itself, then it will lose the

"The British electorate does not like parties that squabble with themselves. They don't like it and there is no need for it decause this party is i ing in the centre-right, it has always been in the centre-right and it is staying in the centre-

To throw it away and permit the election of a party which has opposed everything we have done over the past 16 years or so, and to throw away all the economic advantages in front of us must be

"I would say to my colleagues, there is a big picture, there is a national interest here. There is a great deal we still have to do. What they should do is join us in exposing the divisions in the Labour Party. Come and join me in that battle. It is going to be a battle royal over the next year. It is one we can and will win, but we need all our party to

help us to do so."
Mr Major, who dismissed Labour as "soulless" and "an empty box", gave the clearest hints of the strategy that he will use against Mr Blair's party in the run-up to the election. He said that it would be a terrible gamble to replace a government that had weathered the storm of the recession with an untried Labour team.
"To throw away the pilots that have done that, and to replace them with pilots who have no experience even of taking a rubber dinghy on the Serpentine would be a rather reckless

choice." He doubted whether the economic improvement would be sustained under Labour; inflation, interest rates and

Wiliam Rees-Mogg, page 16

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

IN WASHINGTON



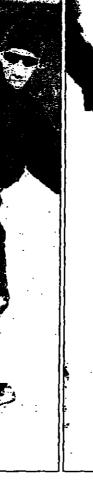
THE Prince of Wales trying snowboarding, the youthful alterna tive to skiing favoured by the generation brought up with skateboards, in the Swiss resort of

Klosters yesterday. repeated heavy falls.

at the beginning of the holiday

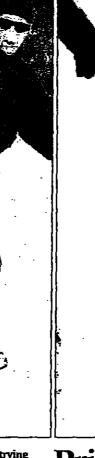


At 47 the Prince is a little old to learn a sport that involves fixing the feet to a board and then taking



He told photographers who asked

garb that marks them as the



Prince of Wales falls for snowboarding

whether he would try snowboarding that he was "far too old for that." However, Prince Harry, like any youngster taken to the Alps these days, wanted to try it and persuaded his father to have a 20.

The 11-year-old prince even wore some of the snowboarder's tradition-

in the shape of a dinosaur. The benefit of the age difference was apparent after just 30 minutes, when Prince Harry was able to snowboard 400 yards and take the drag-lift back

to the top of the run. Prince Charles, who wore a onepiece ski suit that no self respecting

spent much time on his knees in the snow but managed to glide 100ft without falling.

A sookesman said: "It was Harry's idea to try snowboarding. He loved it and can't wait to do it again. The Prince of Wales enjoyed the experience but I'm not sure he'll do it

again." Until recently the frequently ragged snowboarders were banned at some ski resorts. However the sport has been accepted as an Olympic event and is growing so fast that some predict snowboarders will outnumber skiers within a few years.

The Prince also experimented with short "Big Foot" skis, which are more like snow skates, and which, according to the spokesman, he preferred to snowboarding.

Shadow over Clinton tour

Hillary Clinton is publishing a book this week on how society can better serve children, but the big promotional tour her publishers have planned is likely to prove a debacle after the release of several incriminating docu-ments about the White House travel office. It seems possible she will be subpoenaed to testify before congressional investigators Page 9

Housekeeper dies as mansion burns

A housekeeper died after being clubbed as her employ-er's mansion near Worthing, West Sussex, burnt. The house belonged to the widow of the founder of Touche Ross accountants.....Page 3

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Versalle: ladder plunge

Tenor dies in fall on stage at the Met

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A TENOR singing at New York's Metropolitan Opera died on stage immediately after delivering the line: "Too bad you can only live so long." Richard Versalle, 63, was playing the legal clerk Vitek alongside Jessye Norman in Friday's first-night perfor-



mance of The Makropulos Case, Janacek's opera about the secret of eternal life.

In the opening scene, he climbed a ladder to file a legal brief in its drawer, but after delivering his last line, his voice faltered and he plunged 20 ft to the floor.

The shocked audience sat silently as the music stopped and the conductor called out: "Are you all right?" Then the curtain came down and the Met's doctor examined Versalle on stage. He diagnosed a heart attack and the singer was taken to hospital, but he was dead on arrival.

Anthony George, Versalle's manager, said his client had no history of health problems and suggested that his death may have been an accident: All of a sudden he let go and fell down backwards and hit

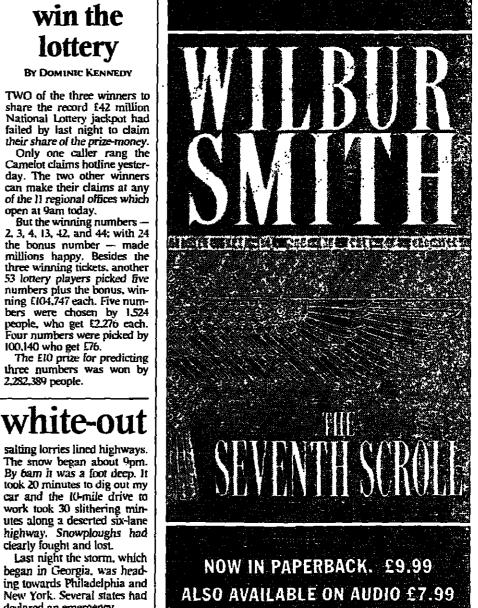
Millions win the lottery

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

TWO of the three winners to share the record £42 million National Lottery jackpot had failed by last night to claim their share of the prize-money. Only one caller rang the Camelot claims hotline yesterday. The two other winners can make their claims at any of the 11 regional offices which

open at 9am today. But the winning numbers — 2, 3, 4, 13, 42, and 44; with 24 the bonus number - made millions happy. Besides the three winning tickets, another 53 lottery players picked five numbers plus the bonus, winning £104,747 each. Five numbers were chosen by 1,524 people, who get £2.276 each. Four numbers were picked by

100,140 who get £76. The EIO prize for predicting three numbers was won by 2.282.389 people.



Washington wakes up to a White House white-out

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about the weather, but it is the Americans who really have it. Washington was brought to a standstill yesterday by its worst snowstorm since the monster that dumped 28in on

the capital in January 1922.

Even that formidable record

the blinding white downfall

stretched into the evening with no sign of letting up.
Forecasters called it a storm

of "historic proportions" and "the snowstorm of all our lifetimes". It closed the capital's museums, monuments and federal offices just as they were reopening after a record 21-day shutdown caused by budgetary bickering. It forced President and Mrs Clinton to walk to church, but at least looked likely to be smashed as their church was open. Almost

all others in the area were closed, along with airports, shopping malls — and even McDonald's.

Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, cancelled his departure for Paris and the Middle East this morning, and the President scrapped budget talks with Republican congressional leaders. But the most telling measure of the storm's severity was that it prevented Phil Gramm, the Texas senator desperate to be president, from travelling to New Hampshire to campaign. For Mr Gramm to be kept from voters is unprecedented. On Saturday authorities

were blasting out a bewildering array of snow, blizzard. storm and coastal-flood warnings, causing a lemming-like rush to supermarkets and a demand for snow shovels that far outstripped supply. Fleets of snowploughs and

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Prime Minister puts on a brave face as trouble looms on all fronts

Major fails to halt blitz on Portillo

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL PORTILLO was under attack from former ministers yesterday as John Major sought to defend him. David Mellor, the former Cabinet minister, said that the Defence Secretary had risked prompting more detections from the Conservative Party by his recent hardline comments against pro-

Mr Portillo was heavily criticised after saying that Emma Nicholson. the Tory defector to the Liberal Democrats, had a history of disloyaland telling MPs supporting a federal Europe that they should leave the party. Mr Mellor accused Mr Portillo of opening up new Tory

Unity call

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Mr Major was conciliatory

towards the two Tory defec-tors. Miss Nicholson and Alan

Howarth, although he regretted the "furtive" way in which they left. They were both nice

pople, had decent instincts and he liked them. "I always have, and I believe - because

they have those instincts -

over time they will regret what they have done and perhaps

even more the way in which

further defections, amid re-

ports that two more MPs were

considering their positions.

and to counter claims that the

Tories were lurching to the

right. His message through-

out was that the Tories had

mom for all shades of opinion.

Conservative Party did not have both these wings of

opinion available for debate

and discussion. I am deter-

mined we keep both these wings." he said. "We are a

tolerant, pragmatic, broad

church of a party. We cannot

and we will not be captured by

either wine of that party, but

both wings of that party have

a proper right to make their

His balancing act continued when he backet Michael

Portillo, who has been under

attack for his aggressive com-ments since Miss Nicholson

changed parties. He praised

vised. "Michael is immensely

patriorie. But I don't think

there is a politician in the land

thing differently." he said.

election manifesto.

"It would be weaker if the

He also tried to head off

they have done it."

divisions through his comments and warned him against making statements on general party matters.

Mr Mellor called on the Prime Minister to stop Mr Portillo making comments if he "can't be relied upon to say the right thing on wider party issues". He added that Mr Portillo should have declined to comment on Miss Nicholson's defection rather than launch a scathing attack on her loyalty. "It didn't need that." Mr Mellor said on GMTV's Sunday programme, adding that it "gave the impression that a whole lot of men were piling in to poor old Emma."

Mr Portillo, who has been criti-

FACTIONS -

Tories for his recent public comments, was defended by Mr Major. who spoke of his "formidable" strengths. However, the Prime Minister was less supportive when asked about his views on Mr Portillo's fiercely patriotic speech to the Tory party conference last year, which also attracted widespread criticism.

Mr Major said: "Michael is immensely patriotic. But I don't think there is a politician in the land who perhaps in retrospect would not have phrased something differently. Se-nior Tory aides said that the Prime Minister was offering his support to Tories felt that the backing was

Last week Mr Major was forced to intervene in a dispute between Mr Portillo and a former Chief of Defence Staff over reports that Admiralty Arch in London was to be sold. The Prime Minister ordered officials to make clear that the landmark building was not for sale.

Mr Mellor widened his attack to enior MPs on the Right. He said that in the case of "one or two prominent right-wingers within the Conservative Party, it's almost as if they don't want the party to be a party of Government - it's almost as if they want the Conservative Party to be a

Michael Mates, the former North-

ern Ireland minister, singled out Mr Portillo for widening the rift between the left and right in the party. He accused both wings of distracting attention from the successes of the Government, "Michael Portillo's violently Euro-phobic utterings are as unhelpful and damaging as Hugh Dykes's lunacy in voting against the Government in the fishing debate . . . to 'teach them a lesson'."

MICHE W MISCREE Water 10

Mr Mates and Mr Mellor said that the party would lose the next election unless it ended its infighting. Mr Mates said that if the factional conflicts did not end "we shall be consigned to opposition for a generation, and deservedly so".

William Rees-Mogg, page 16

Hints of postal sell-off reopen wounds

By ALICE THOMSON POLITICAL REPORTER

CONTROVERSIAL plans to sell off the Royal Mail. abandoned 15 months ago, are back on the Tory agenda, the Prime Minister indicated yesterday.

John Major made clear that although the last attempt to privatise the Royal Mail had caused huge divisions and embarrassment to the Tories. the Cabinet was now reconsidering the idea for its election

Talking on Breakfast with Frost, he said: "I would like to have seen it before, but there was no parliamentary major-ity for it. We are democrats and if we can't get something through Parliament then we can't do it. But we will look again and see if it is a subject for the next parliament when we come to look at the

The proposals have angered many on the left of the party. as well as the unions, who managed to force a humiliating U-turn on the sell-off, due to have been the centrepiece of legislation for the Queen's Speech in 1994.

Most of the original rebels

ROYAL MAIL

they would continue to fight the proposals, which they said would be an electoral disaster. With the Post Office's profits having jumped from £306 million to a record £472 million last year, many Tory backbenchers also contend that the Royal Mail is not suffering from competition.

Margaret Beckett, the Shad ow Trade Secretary, rejected the scheme as "pig-headed" and said thousands of rural post offices would be at risk. She said Labour would make the Post Office sell-off "as contentious and unpopular as rail privatisation".

Hugh Dykes, MP for Harrow East and one of the leaders of the previous Tory revolt, said: "I think it would be both astonishing and unwise to revive this matter. The Post Office runs perfectly well as a successful and profitable public corporation. 1 do not believe its privatisation would command any strong public

support in the next election." John Redwood, the rightwing leadership challenger, said that his former Cabinet colleagues who were backing the idea had got it wrong, and even the right of the party would not welcome the revised plans. "I can think of many more important issues should address in the gene election manifesto, he said

tion Workers' Union, promised to repeat its vigorous campaign against the proposals and said the idea was a "political Rush to union 'a folly'



The Prime Minister with Sir David Frost yesterday. Mr Major denied more Tory defections were imminent

Tory MPs deny plans to jump ship

By ALICE THOMSON

TWO senior Tory MPs, Peter formidable" strengths. but suggested that his contro-Thurnham and Andrew Rowe, made it clear last night versial speech to last year's disaffected with their party they will not be jumping ship in the near future. John Major's majority looked as who perhaps in retrospect would not have phrased somethough it was nearing vanishing point this weekend when In the interview. Mr Major the two left-of-centre backalso revived the possibility of benchers said that they had almost reached the end of the sale of the Royal Mail, but

their tethers with "the lurch to

Kent, said he would "owe it to

my constituents" to resign the

only as a subject for the Tory the Right". He gave no ground over Mr Thurnham, who is giv-European policy, saying a referendum on a single curing up his Bolton North East seat at the next election. threatened to stand as an rency remained a possibility and that the Government had independent Conservative reached no decision on pubagainst Tim Collins, the offilishing a Write Paper setting cial Tory candidate in Westout its detailed views. morland and Lonsdale. The Liberal Democrats are also said to have approached him. Mr Rowe, 60, MP for Mid-

I believe in Europe. he said. "I think Europe is immensely in the interest of the British nation, but that emphanically does not mean 1. agree with every aspect of

said Michael Portillo's anti-Brussels speech at the Tory

"disgraceful". But yesterday he denied he was toying with the idea of becoming an independent and said he would fight the new seat of Faversham and Mid-Kent as the official Tory candidate at the next General

With a Tory majority of only three and two by-elections pending, the Tory heirarchy spent yesterday describing the two men as valued members of the party" in an attempt to soothe them. In direct contrast to the heavy-handed treatment of Emma Nicholson, the Tory MP for Devon West, who defected ten days ago, ministers and whips said they were aware of the MPs' discontent and were listening to what

they had to say.

do about one of Mr Thurnham's biggest gripes. Having decided not to contest the marginal seat he has held recently went for the Westmorland seat, where he lives. but was not even given an interview. "We have nothing to do with seletion and quite

understand that he must feel slighted by the stance of the

happy". He also has an adopt-ed handicapped child and found the Tories' tough stance against the disabled Bill last year hard to stomach. He abstained in the crucial fishing Bill just before Christmas and told the Mail on Sunday: "I have been pressed by a large number of local people to consider standing as an Independent Conservative at the next election. I am thinking about it." Mr Major bent over backwards in his interview on the BBC's Breakfast with Frost

Rowe: intends to fight

whip if the party lurched ing: "They are just salacious But they pointed out that Europe policy. further to the Right. He also Sinn Fein told to end spate of killings

By ALICE THOMSON

JOHN MAJOR vesterday laid the blame for recent paramilitary murders and punishment beatings at the door of Sinn Fein and said they must stop the violence. The Prime Minister challenged republican leaders Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness to put an end to the spate of "centrally directed" murders carried outby gangs believed to be linked to the IRA.

He made clear that he will not accept Sinn Fein's repeated refusal to condemn the brutalities and would not reierate republicans plaming the Royal Ulster Constabulary for

ULSTER not carrying out its job

properly

He also implied that the killing of tive people in Belfast and Co Armagh in recent weeks had cast a question mark over the fragile peace process and the work of the International Commission looking into decommissioning paramilitary weapons.

Mr. Major and the BBC's

Breakfait eith Frost that it was extraordinary how the punishment heatings had support during the visit of President Clinion to Britain and Ireland (ast November, "That argues for some form of

central direction. I don't think that was coincidence. After he they started again," he Those people who stopped it before - and I think Sinn Fein and the IRA are both sides of the same coin -

could stop it again. I would say to Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness and the others. I believe you can stop these killings and these beatings and it you wish to be taken seriously as democratic politicians now and in the future then you must stop them now and for good."

Mr Major predicted that the killings would tail off as the time approached for the publi-International Commission on January 18. The Prime Minister made clear that the shootings are the clearest evidence needed that the guns have to be got rid off. The three-man commission.

headed by former US Senator George Mitchell, yesterday said that it was considering taking further submissions from the two governments, Sinn Fem and loyalist and unionist parties.

Mr Major was urged last night to give the commission another six weeks by the Ulster Unionists who have insisted that if talks take place without decommissioning they will not attend. The recent killings have

been claimed by a group

calling itself Direct Action Against Drugs, but security chiefs are convinced it is a cover name being used by the IRA for killing during its

said. According to friends Mr

Thurnham was devastated

that they did not put him on

of his rightwing colleagues

antics had made "deeply un-

programme to accomodate all

sides, particularly Mr Rowe and Mr Thurnham,

other possible defections say-

He also denied rumours of

The IRA is believed to have two tonnes of Semtex, about 1,200 semi-automatic rifles and as many as 20 surface-toair missiles as well as large consignments of mortars and other rockets hidden on both sides of the Irish border. David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, welcomed Mr Major's comments.

He said that President Clinion's remark to terrorists in West Belfast that "your day is over" had stung the IRA into the recent spate of killings.

Tony Young, joint General Secretary of the Communica-

Saudi deportation backed

BY ARTHUR LEATHERS POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister vesterday gave his full backing to Michael Howard's decision to deport Mohammed al-Masari, the Saudi dissident who claimed that his removal from Britain could lead to his assassination, and went further than the Flome Secretary in denouncing the campulaner's attempts to bring down

his country's Government. Dr Masari's application for political asylum has been rejected and he has been told that he most leave Britain by January 14 and live in Dominica unless he appeals. Worldwide controversy was sparked and seek to create unsattled

DISSIDENT the decision had been made to

protect trading links with Saudi Azabia. Mr Major avoided reference to Britain's trade links, in-

stead concentrating on Dr

Masin's personal amivities. He said: "Mr Masan is an illegal immigrant who has used his hospitality in this country to wage a campaign to try to pring down the Saudi Arabian regime. If people come here as diegal immigrams but are accepted here. because we have a long and honourable tradition of helping people socking asylum when Mr Howard said that relationships with our allies

tolerantly look to one side Saudi Arabia is critical to the stability of the Gult. That is very important, not just to this country. We have already had

ine Gulf war." Dr Masari, 49, has waged a relentless campaign against Saudi Arabia since arriving from Yemen last year. He has accused the Saud: roval family of corruption and called for a peaceful transition to Islamic

Dr Masari was warned vesterday that he is likely to lose his Saudi citizenship. Prince Sultan ibn Abdul Aziz. the Saudi defence minister. said: "If a Saudi opposes his country and his religion, he will be denied citizenship."

By OUR POLITICAL STAFF

JOHN M. UOR underlined his opposition to a hurried entry into a single currency by insisting yesterday that it would be "folly" to rush forward if Britain did not benefit from the change.

The Prime Minister said he needed to hear more persuasive arguments in favour of monetary union before he would commit Britain to a single currency and warned fellow European leaders that he was prepared to be isolated

on the issue. As pro-European Tories prepared to open a campaign in favour of a single currency today. Mr Major sent a clear message that he would not be CURRENCY

forced into an early decision that would be irreversible. He took issue with last week's claims by Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, that up to nine European Union countries would be ready to join a single currency in 1999. Dismissing the prospect as "un-likely". Mr Major warned of the dangers of "premature"

The Prime Minister steered a careful course between the pro-European and Eurosceptic wings of his party by saying that he wanted a full discussion of the impact of a single currency. He scotched

plans, demanded by Eurosceptics, to publish a White Paper setting out Britain's position on Europe. He said that a decision would be taken after settling Britain's negotiating position for the forthcoming intergovernmental conference on Europe.

The Prime Minister was bullish in his comments on European Union plans to extend majority voting to central areas of European policy such as foreign affairs and defence. "I think the concept of British foreign policy being determined by qualified majority voting in the European Union is laughable. There's no question of us accepting that," he said.

1015 for young Times readers and Vision, the 7-day TV and radio guide NEWS IN BRIEF Patients 'dying in kidney cash crisis'

At least 1,000 people a year are dying of kidney failure because there are insufficient resources to treat them. Professor Stewart Cameron, former president of the Renal Association and a member of the national review of renal services, said yesterday. The shortage of kidney dialysis facilities has reached crisis point in some areas

and hospitals cannot meet the demand, he said. The Manchester Royal Infirmary has reduced some patients from three to two sessions of dialysis a week because of the shortage of money. The unpublished review was commissioned by the Health Department.

Stephen Dorrell, the Flealth Secretary, pledged yesterday to work for better care for mentally ill people in the community after Friday's court cases in which two men

Pledge on mentally ill

suffering from psychiatric illness were convicted of killings. Mr Dorrell, speaking on BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend, said: "We need to ensure there are M&S denies claims

Marks & Spencer yesterday denied allegations that some

of its clothing is made by exploited child labour in

Morocco. The allegations are the subject of a Granada

World in Action programme to be broadcast on 11V

tonight. David Sieff, a Marks & Spencer director, said on

BBCI's Breakfast with Frnst programme that the claims

were "absolutely abhorrent". Claws, giant of the sea

The biggest lobster caught in Britain for 65 years has been found by divers who were clearing rubbish from the seabed of the former naval base at Portland. Dorset. where lobster pots were barred. The 15th creature, 3ft long and perhaps 50 years old, is being kept in a public aquarium at Weymouth until clearance work is finished. A 201b Cornwall lobster caught in 1931 was eaten.

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Body found in burning mansion

Touche widow's housekeeper is beaten to death

THE housekeeper for a wealthy elderly widow has been found clubbed to death as her employer's mock-Regency mansion burnt around

Marion Addy, 58, was found dying in a pool of blood at Holrobush House, country residence of Elizabeth Touche, 90, whose late husband, George, was the son of the founder of the Touche Ross

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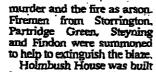
accountancy practice.

Mrs Addy, who also served as cook, had worked at the house for six years, living in the grounds with her husband, a part-time driving instructor.

Firemen were called to the house when smoke was seen billowing from the windows on Saturday morning. They found Mrs Addy lying in a downstairs room, critically injured after being battered about the head. The room altrostide head are setting the setting alongside had apparently been set on fire, as had another on the first floor. Both were part of the servants'

Mrs Addy was taken to Worthing General Hospital by ambulance but she never regained consciousness. She died soon after arrival. A postmortem examination showed that Mrs Addy had died of

The death is being treated as after Ursula's tragic death.



in 1850 in the village of Ashington near Worthing, West Sussex. Known to villagers as "the house on the hill", it is surrounded by woodland and overlooked by the South Downs.

Mr Touche lived there for many years, staying on after the loss in 1968 of his first wife Ursula, who was accidentally killed on the A24 while driving the family car out of the grounds. He took the death of his first wife badly but was comforted by his second bride, Elizabeth, whom he married

She sold her former home in Pulborough to Guy Harwood, the racehorse trainer, on her wedding. The couple were already elderly and had known each other for many

"This incident at Holmbush House is very tragic," Sir Anthony Touche, 69, Mrs Touche's nephew, said.

"It is a lovely old house built in the Regency style. My uncle had lived there until he died last February. He was 92 years old and had married Aunt Elizabeth in 1969, a year

a lot of time and support to village events.
This is very bad news. Mr Touche used to audit the village hall accounts. He was a marvellous man."

the ball."

Police arrested a woman at Otterbourne, Hampshire, and drove her to the main incident room in Horshain for questioning.

She moved in with him at the

Mr Touche, a prominent

accountant, had separated

from the family owned com-pany in 1970 when it became Touche Ross. With Sir Antho-

ny, he set up an investment

trust company called Touche

Remnant Holdings. He re-

tired from accountancy at the

"Liza is an amazingly tough woman but this terrible trage-

dy is obviously going to be an ordeal," Martin Baldwin, a friend and former neighbour,

"The death of one of her staff

in such circumstances is obvi-

ously going to be a blow. My

wife Jeannie and I were good

friends with the Touches for

the ten years we lived close by

local Ashington by-pass being

built and we often shared a

coffee and a chat. He was a

smashing bloke who was very active even at an elderly age

This would have been very

upsetting for him."
Mrs Baldwin said: "Mrs

Touche was a very intelligent

woman and when we lived

near by was still very much on

Brian Norton, chairman of Ashington Parish Council,

said: "The Touche family were

lovely people and always gave

We protested against the

age of 70.

"A woman arrested after the fire and the death of Mrs Addy is still in custody at Horsham Police Station and is being questioned about the death," Detective Superintendent Paul Westwood, who is leading the investigation, said.

A 62-year-old woman will appear before magistrates at Horsham today charged with



Sail of century ends a bit early

A BUILDER who embarked on a highly publicised roundthe world yacht voyage with his extended family in June was back bome last night to explain why the adventure foundered 30,000 miles short of target and four years early.

Gordon Finch had announced his plan not to return home until the millennium in the hope that the economy would be "sorted out" by then. He exchanged his business and £250,000 home to finance a circumnavigation which, in the event, ended just before Christmas "at a marina some-

where in southern Spain".

Mr Finch, 45, from
Stokesley, North Yorkshire,
had seven aboard the £80,000 yacht Askania as he set sail for what was to have been a five-year voyage, taking in the Caribbean and South Pacific. He and his wife Jane had wanted a romantic cruise alone but their three sons, two of their girlfriends and a grandchild decided they too should share the adventure.



The Askania, which was sold in Spain at a loss

Last night Mr Finch, now back in the family home that failed to find a buyer during his absence on the high seas, spoke of the misfortunes that beset the voyage. "Basically there were lots of problems from the outset. We had to wait for spare parts and repairs in various places and fell behind schedule."

Family considerations seem to have played a large part. Mr Finch said that the circumnavigation was aborted so the "boys could go home while their jobs remained

He added: "If it had just been me and my wife, we would have carried on to our first planned stopping-off point in Tunisia. No matter what you have heard to the contrary, we had a whale of a time and remain one big

happy family." Perhaps stung by any implied criticism over the failure of the voyage, Mr Finch's son Karl. 23, was less forthcoming yesterday: "It's got nothing to do with anyone else," he said. His younger brother Jonathan, 18, said: We stopped and sold the boat but we are not saying why. We left her behind in Spain and I came back a few weeks ago with a good suntan.

The mishaps began off the Welsh coast near Milford Haven after the Askania's autopilot and steering broke down, Gordon Finch said. They then hit "absolutely

foul" weather crossing the Channel and endured a rough passage across the Bay of Biscay. By then winter conditions began to sweep into southern Europe. After a conference the family decided the yacht should be sold. "We didn't get quite what we paid." Mr Finch said. "With hindsight, it was

probably too big a challenge to take on," Mr Finch said. "At least we had a go."

Lady of the isle packs as stepson moves in

By ROBIN YOUNG

ISLANDERS on Bute have reconciled themselves to losing their chatelaine, Jennifer Marchioness of Bute, widow of the sixth Marquess. They are convinced her presence on the island, off the coast of southwest Scotland, is inconsistent with the plans of her stepson, the seventh mar-quess, who prefers to be known as Johnny Dumfries.

Lady Bute refused to discuss the situation yesterday beyond saying: "I am not at daggers drawn with my stepson, and we are not in the middle of some flaming row."
But she has told islanders

that she expects to leave shortly, saying: "I feel deep regret about what has happened. I would have loved to stay for ever."

A resident who described herself as a friend of Lady Bute but refused to be named said: "It has been plain for months that she would have to leave eventually.

We had hoped that she would be allowed to stay on in her apartment for as long as she wished, but it does not seem that any provision has been made for her.

Lady Bute married the sixth marquess 18 months after his divorce from Johnny Dum-fries's mother Nicola in 1977 and quickly became a respected figure on the island. She had a vital role in restoring the family's 19th-century Gothic mansion, Mount Stuart House and in developing its gardens before it was opened to the public last year.

The seventh marquess, who was British Formula Three champion in 1984 and won Le Mans in 1988, lives in Notting Hill Gate, west London. Since his father's death, tenant farmers whose rents had in some cases not been reviewed for 20 years have had them quadrupled. Estate workers have been made redundant.

Though dowagers in the Bute family have traditionally removed to a second home on the Scottish mainland, Lady Bute is expected to return to London in March. The seventh marquess was

unavailable for comment.

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Holmbush House, where Mrs Addy had worked for six years. She lived in the grounds

By ROBIN YOUNG

ANIMAL welfare charities say they are having to to rescue distressed, abandoned, injured or starving Shedand ponies from owners who have answered advertisements saying: "Don't buy a lawnmower

- buy a pony."

Peter Wakeham, manager of the West Sussex sanctuary of the charity Animal Line, has rescued two Shetland ponies, Hamish and Dougal. bought by families who saw the advertisements in local newspapers in Sussex. A neighbouring welfare worker has rescued a third pony. Elfin, from a garden in

Shronshire Mr Wakeham said yesterday: "Both Hamish and Dougal were being kept in gardens about 20ft by 20ft. One garden had a lawn only about the size of a kitchen, but the buyer had been told that a pony would be the best thing to keep the grass down. A back garden is no place for a horse, however small. It is outrathings such as rhododendrons which would be poisonous to

Mr Wakeham said that Dougal's owners had told him they fed the pony only I'albs of apples a day as supplement to the grass in the garden. "It is a wonder that he is still alive," Mr Wakehani said. "We have now learnt that the advertisement ran in Sussex papers for several weeks, and we have investigators trying to trace

who was selling the ponies."
The third pony, Elfin, now being looked after by Pauline Grant at the Sussex Horse Rescue Sanctuary, was rescued from a garden in Shropshire after falling in a ditch and injuring itself while attempting to escape. Mrs Grant said yesterday: They are herd animals and confined like that they become unhap-

py, lonely and miserable." Tikki Adorian, the chairwoman of the British Miniature Horse Society, has intervened to prevent similar geous. They need a wide open field to graze, and shelter. advertisements appearing in Suffolk and Norfolk "on wel-Gardens are full of all sorts offare grounds".

Charities act to save | Vandals kill birds at | 'living lawnmowers' zoo loved by children

By BILL FROST

SECURITY guards were patrolling an inner-city zoo last night after intruders strangled and stamped on dozens of birds. Finches, budgerigars, canaries, cockatiels and a buzzard were slaughtered in their aviaries at Plashet Park Zoo in East Ham, east London, late on

John Bowe, an RSPCA inspector called to the scene, said yesterday that it was the worst case of mass animal cruelty he had seen. "This was obviously a case of mindless violence against animals on a major scale," he said.

Police were called at 11.30pm on Saturday night by a member of the public who reported seeing two intruders in the zoo grounds. Officers arrived to find an air pistol lying on the ground and 36 dead birds, worth £1,000, scattered over the floor of the aviary after apparently being

strangled and crushed. After searching the grounds police called in a helicopter with heat-seeking equipment to locate the intruders. The 200

remained closed to visitors

yesterday. The zoo is also home to a animals including goats, geese, chickens and horses, which children are allowed to stroke. There is also a Vietnamese pot-bellied pig, ponies and ducks. Councillor Lyn Brown, who

chairs Newham Council's Lei-sure Services Committee, said officials and staff were devastated by what had happened. "Plashet Zoo is very highly valued, particularly by child-ren. This news will be especially distressing for them,"

Local people had recently campaigned successfully to save the zoo from closure due to council cuts. While we all want to keep the zoo open, we also must have maximum concern for the safety and welfare of the animals and birds in our care," Mrs Brown

Two men aged 17 and 19 were yesterday questioned at Forest Gate police station by detectives and RSPCA officials

steeped in Cornish folklore

and legend, now attracts

about half a million visitors

a year. Turnover for 1995

was said to be £3.5 million, derived mainly from hotels,

John o'Groats, about 12

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Views on sale as matching pair leisure or property com-pany." Land's End, 100 acres

By Carol Midgley

JOHN O'GROATS and Land's End, mainland Britain's most remote tourist extremities, go on sale to-gether for the first time today. The most northerly and westerly ends of a thousand sponsored walks have a collective price tag of about £5.5 million. Gulf Resources Pacific

Limited (GRP), the New Zealand-based owner, has decided to put them on the market to concentrate on Pacific business ventures. The chance to acquire Britain's most far-flung landmarks is expected to attract buyers at home and from America, South Africa and the Far East.

Humberts Leisure, the chartered surveyors who are handling the sale, said there may be public pressure to find a British buyer. Nigel



Land's End: £5.5million price with John o'Groats

Talbot-Ponsonby, the chairman, said: "When Land's End was first sold to a private company in 1981. there was some consternation that Arabs had purchased it with millions of barrels of oil and it was going to be towed away and planted somewhere."

The landmark was then

bought by the millionaire Peter de Savary in 1986, who sold it to GRP four years ago. Mr Talbot-Ponsonby said that good management meant there had been no problems.

He added: "Land's End and John o'Groats are together a unique opportunity for a UK or international

miles from the mainland's most northerly point, Dun-net Head, is \$74 miles by road from Land's End and attracts 250,000 visitors. Its income is mainly from the John o'Groats House Hotel, a restaurant and tourist shop. Planning permission for exansion of the site

has been granted and it is

eligible for a £700,000 grant

from the Highlands and

Enterprise Islands Company.

Last night Mr de Savary, who formerly owned both sites, said he was consider-





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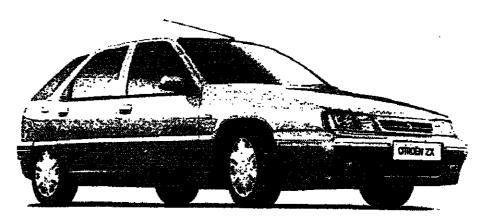
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Costa deal emerges as 'homeless' priest is found to rent out his own house

Charity cash hunt leads to Spanish villas fiasco

By Stephen Farrell

A CHARITY hospital de-manding £42,000 back from its former top officers, a priest and a Labour Party agent, is to examine a failed Spanish building project in which they

A training agency run by the Rev Graham Pattison, former Master of Sherburn Hospital, Durham, and Ron Morrissey, the hospital's former chairman, sank £700,000 into Costa del Sol villas that were never completed.

Mr Pattison, who was sacked for misconduct, faces eviction from his Grade II listed rent-free home in the hospital grounds. He refuses to go, claiming that he has nowhere to live. The Times has learnt that he and his wife Valerie own a £70,000 home

ten minutes drive away.

Mr Pattison, 56, and Mr
Morrissey, 59, were criticised by the Charity Commission last week for weaving a "web of conflicts of interest, patron-age and nepotism" at the hospital. Although a report found nothing illegal or dishonest had taken place, it accused them of manipulating the 800-year-old charity for their own ends. They were provided with £19,000 Alfa Romeo 164 Lusso cars and their families benefited from pension schemes.

The Spanish investigation includes £42,000 in hospital grants paid thuring 1986-88. The Costa del Soi development Panoramica de Mijas is little more than a derelict plot of hill-top land.

In the 1980s Mr Morrissey

and Mr Pattison also ran the youth training agency Interchurch. Later renamed Skill Training Ltd. it attracted charity and government grants to run training schemes for the unemployed of Durham. By the late Eighties a change in government rules allowed such agencies to retain their profits. Skill Training put its money into speculative prop-erty development, ostensibly to raise huge sums for future

training projects.

Mr Morrissey, a Durham city councillor, set up a separate Spanish-registered company, Skilltrain España, with himself as a 98 per cent shareholder. The British firm sent £300,000 to buy land for villas which it hoped to sell for about £100,000 each.

But the property market collapsed and with it the project, amid squabbles over land rights and payment to contractors. Documents filed at Companies House show Skill Training lost £699,608 in the Panoramica project over the past six years.

Mr Pattison and Mr

Morrissey are no longer involved with Skill Training. The hospital is examining the accounts to see if it can get back three grants totalling



Three empty villas on the Costa del Sol built with cash from the British agency Skill Training. Originally 17 homes were planned

E42.000 donated to Interchurch but paid into an account controlled by the two

Last night Mr Morrissey said: "I am not guilty of any wrongdoing. I deny there was any nepotism. This is a polit-ical attack. They are putting the worst possible interpretations on things that were perfectly innocent.

"Explanations have been given to the Charity Commission and were ignored. Two police investigations have cleared us and the commissioners have said there was no

dishonesty."

Skill Training's Spanish venture was simply a speculative investment that failed to pay off, he said. "The money

was nothing to do with Sherburn Hospital." Mr Pat-tison also denies wrongdoing. He blames Mr Morrissey and Kathleen Burke, a fellow director, and claims to have learnt of the villas project only

weeks after it happened. Mr Pattison said: There were errors made in 1989 in relation to the initial £300,000 which went out to Spain as a so-called investment.

"I thought it was a damnably foolish thing to do. My problem is that I have been guilty of laisser faire in trust-Hospital. ing that two people who ran Skill Training Ltd, who were respectively chairman and In a three-hour interview with The Times he dismissed Charity Commission accusavice chairman of the govern-ing body here, were making a tions of nepotism and ma-mpulating hospital affairs for his own ends.

"I really don't know what it is people are bleating about," he said. "Hell, I am underpaid for what I have done ...

"I think it is ludicrous. I don't know why I have worked for £12,000 and a house that is not my own ... Anything I am not legitimately entitled to I will be perfectly

appy to hand over."
These are the main criticisms and his responses: 1. Hospital charity grants of £42,000 to the training agency run by Mr Pattison and Ron Morrissey, the agent for the City of Durham's Labour MP, were paid into a private account under their exclusive control. Between £20,000 and £42,000 remains unaccounted for, according to the Charity

Commission report. Mr Pattison admits he cannot account for at least £12,000 of the money because invoices were not kept. "I don't feel culpable in the sense of being guilty but I feel less than proud that I cannot remember what the exact items of equipment were that we bought back in 1986." 2. The purchase of two £19,000

Pattison's was

Mr

3-litre Alfa Romeo cars in

'I don't know what it is they are bleating about'

THE Rev Graham Pattison bought from hospital funds yesterday admitted "with hindsight" to having made and Mr Morrissey's by the Interchurch training agency. errors but challenged critics to "I personally have no reafind any evidence of wrongdoson to feel any guilt whatsoing in his work for Sherburn ever about the purchase of that car. I was not a governor

so I never voted for the purchase," he said. The cost did not disturb him. "If that had taken money out of the residents' mouths and accommodation and care

it ought to be wholly disap-proved of ..." But the cars were bought out of surpluses that the charity was able to



Pattison: denial of any wrongdoing

He added: "The Archdeacon of Durham believes that a priest ought not to be seen dead at the wheel of a vehicle that costs £19,000. I think that is the Archdeacon's problem. 3. His wife Valerie's appointment as the hospital's head of care at a salary of between £25,000 and £35,000, and her £100,000 executive pension.

"I just do not know how my wife's appointment is regarded as nepotistic. The master does not vote on appointments ... She was the only candidate of six who happened to be an SRN and was the best qualified. The pension is not exceptional. With hindsight ... I wish she had not been granted it. But at the time I was persuaded it was

4. A hospital governors' investigation claims there are no records of how £175,000 in charity grants to the rehabilitation project Compass was spent. Mr Morrissey's wife Doris was also taken on as a project worker while he was chairman of governors awarding the grants.

The impression is given that this money went into somebody's pocket. That is quite mischievous," Mr Pattison said. "I have nothing to be ashamed of."

He added: "Ron Morrissey had nothing to do with his wife's appointment She got the job because she was the best qualified candidate." 5. A Golf GTi bought for the use of Mr Morrissey's wife Doris while at Compass. On reflection, Mr Pattison admits that was inadvisable.

NEWS IN BRIEF Limit on small claims is increased

The limit on the size of disputes that can be heard by small claims courts is increased from £1,000 to £3,000 from today. The decision by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, follows proposals by Lord Woolf that much greater use should be made of the small claims court as part of his overhaul of civil

Some 87.000 disputes a year are handled in the small claims courts, which could treble with the lifting of the limit However, research has found the courts do not enjoy the confidence of many mem bers of the public and are used mainly by the middle classes to sue other middle-class individuals.

Chinook crash inquiry begins

A fatal accident inquiry opens today at Paisley, Strathclyde, into the 29 deaths in an RAF Chinook helicopter crash at the Mull of Kintyre in June 1994. The victims included 10 members of the RUC Special Branch, nine Army intelli-gence officers and six MIS officers who were on their way from Ulster to a security conference. The hearing is expected to last four weeks. An official MoD inquiry put the blame on pilot error.

Dental doubts

Most MPs believe dental treatment in the next century will be offered on the NHS only to children and those on low incomes, according to a survey on behalf of the British Dental Association. Dentists have called on the Government to increase funding to ensure NHS treatment for all.

Prisoners sought

Irish police are searching for 30 prisoners who failed to return from Christmas parole. The group includes John McCallister, 44, who is serving seven years for the manslaughter of a German tourist. He was among 309 prisoners released over Christmas by the Irish Justice Department.

Asbestos charge

Aston Villa Football Club will appear before Birmingham magistrates on Friday for alleged asbestos contamination at its Villa Park stadium. tive is to prosecute the club and a firm of contractors, claiming that asbestos was found during renovations.

Service as usual

Worshippers carried on with their service at St Andrew's Church in Rochford, Essex, after a chorister and a churchwarden chased three burglars out of the vestry during the service. One made his escape down the nave. Afterwards, credit cards and \$150 were found to be missing.

£10m drug haul

Four men were being questioned yesterday over the seizure of cannabis resin worth more than £10 million at an industrial unit in Acocks Green, Birmingham. The 1,070kg haul was found after an investigation involving 50 officers from the West Mid-

lands drugs squad. Time flows by

A huge digital clock is being installed a foot under the River Liffey in Dublin as part of the city's countdown to the end of the millennium. Weighing several tons and with digits the size of a door, the neon display will be visible through the water close to O'Connell

ROADATIAS

The house Pattison tried to hide

THIS is the house that the Master of Christ's Hospital in Sherburn tried to keep hidden (Stephen Farrell writes). The £70.000 three-bedroom detached home overlooks the picturesque former mining village of Meadowfield in Co

The Rev Graham Pattison has repeatedly claimed he had nowhere to go if evicted from his 150-year-old Grade II listed residence in the hospital grounds. But Land Registry documents show the joint proprietors of a house in Meadowfield since June 1, 1989, to be Mr Pattison and his wife In November, hospital gov

ernors gave the cleric eight

weeks' notice to quit the rent-

free Master's House when the

Bishop of Durham turned.

down his appeal against dis-

missal for misconduct. The

deadline expired on Friday,

and governors will meet to-

morrow to decide on legal Mr Pattison told The Times



The £70,000 three-bedroom home in Meadowfield

last Friday: "At the moment we have no house of our own to go to. As a last resort we have one or two kind friends who would give us a roof over our heads and put our furniture into storage in this desperate situation." Asked if he owned any

property elsewhere, he said: "If we were able to go and live

in a house somewhere nice we would go and live in it. It would be lovely. But we do not want to cash in our savings at an early stage before retirement in order to buy a property. I wish I had got into the housing market long ago. before the cost of getting into it

now." Confronted by the Land

at first said: "I don't know, I'm unable to go to any house," then insisted he did not own it.
"This is my wife's house. I have never contributed a penny towards that house. I had to relinquish anything to do with the house when I became unemployed."

He emphasised there were reasons why it was "absolutely impossible" his wife could live there, but refused to say what they were. "I cannot just go and live in that house. It is not my prerogative."

The houe is occupied by a tenant. The Durham estate agents J. W. Wood confirmed that it was let for six months in December, after the bishop turned down Mr Pattison's appeal, for £450 a month. veighbours say it has been home to a succession of tenants during the past year.

Mr Pattison denied receiving £450 a month rent. "My wife does not derive that income. She does derive a much smaller income."

Delusion fuels stalkers' absurd and hopeless devotions

colleagues was pursued by a stalker. She never knew who he was. never saw him and never spoke to him but for about 18 months messages, from time to time daily. were left for her.

The stalker praised her appearance, was the first to comment on any new hairstyle or clothes, he assessed her choice of restaurant and theatre, evaluated her work and lavished presents on her. Her house was filled with flowers but she was in a quandary about what to do with the chocolates; they looked delicious but it was impossible to be certain that his unrequited

frustration and that they had not been injected with some noxious substance. One day a message accompanying an even larger bunch of flowers than usual said that his love was undying but that she would not be hearing from him again; and she did not.

Psychiatrists call the compulsion erotomania, which results in somebody becoming absurdly and obsessively infatuated by another person whom they either barely know, or more often do not know at all but have seen only on television or read about. The basic delusion is that the pursuer is either loved



intensely by his or her quarry or would be if they only knew each other. As a result the victim is bombarded by telephone calls, letters and presents and no chance is ever lost of a sighting.

The public figures that we know have been stalked over recent years include, as well as the Princess Royal, Monica Seles, Stelfi Graf,

Lady Helen Turner and Jodie Foster, but there are hundreds of other victims most of whom share one characteristic. If they are not national sporting heroes, or figures from the media or royal family, they are richer, more powerful and come from a higher social background than the pursuer.

An odd feature of the condition is

involved meeting, and even establishing some sort of relationship, no great physical passion is usually displayed by the stalkers. It seems that their love is more spiritual than sexual; they merely want the opportunity to display a dog-like, but possessive, devotion.

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Although stalking can be a symptom of neurotic as well as psychotic behaviour, there is always the possibility that it can become the basis of a delusional sexual jealousy and part of a paranoid psychotic disorder. Gross sexual jealousy is always taken seriously by psychiatrists. Presinearly murdered because of a man's demented love for Jodie Foster. It is not unusual to hear patients who have excessive jealousy saying: "If I can't have her, (or him) nobody wili."

The family of the man thought to be following the Princess has said that apart from his fixation he is normal, unaggressive and kind. Psychiatrists, however, were wise to warn the police and to take such delusional symptoms seriously.

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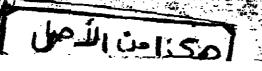
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Queen to attend St Paul's service

Gulf War plaque honours sailor stabbed in brawl

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A MEMORIAL to be placed in St Paul's Cathedral listing British service personnel killed in the Gulf War will be headed by a sailor stabbed by another crew member after a drunken brawl. Forty-seven names appear on the memorial, made from

ing the families of those killed Westmoreland slate and Portland stone, which will be placed next to Nelson's tomb in the war. in the crypt. It will be dedicated next month during a service attended by the Queen to mark the fifth anniversary of Able Seaman Maurice Foy.

a 38-year-old merchant sailor. was found dead on board the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Sir Galahad in February 1991 during the height of the war. He had been stabbed by Signalman Brian Craggs, also a merchant sailor, who was later found guilty of manslaughter and jailed for seven

The fatal incident on board the vessel occurred after a fight in the mess bar. Yesterday a Defence Ministry spokeswoman said: "Maurice Foy was presumably included because he died in the service of his country during the conflict."

The memorial was produced by Martin Jennings, a sculptor from Oxford who took three months to complete the work. He said yesterday

given to him by the MoD. They originally appeared on a memorial tablet in an Anglican church in Ahmadi, about 15 miles from Kuwait City. Both memorials were paid for by the British Memorial Fund Kuwait, a group of mainly expatriates dedicated to help-

Mr Jennings said: "The MoD colonel I dealt with told me to include the same 47 names on the memorial for St Paul's Cathedral." Colleen Williams, who founded the organisation, said that she was given the names by the

The memorial tablet at St Paul's Church in Ahmadi was erected in November 1992 and the organisation paid for relatives of the dead to attend the

Mrs Williams declined to comment on the inclusion of Able Seaman Foy, although she said: "Some of the names are those killed while on active service and others who died actually in the campaign. We were governed by what the

The heading on the 8ft-wide wall-mounted tablet reads: "In honour of those British sailors, soldiers and airmen who gave their lives for the liberation of Kuwait during the Gulf

The names consist of two from the Royal Fleet Auxilia-

Dual Monty tribute planned

By A STAFF REPORTER

village, which changed its

name to Colleville-Montgom-

ery after its liberation by

was commissioned by the

Normandy Veterans' Associ-

ation from the sculptor Vivi-

en Mallock, who has a studio

near Andover. Hampshire.

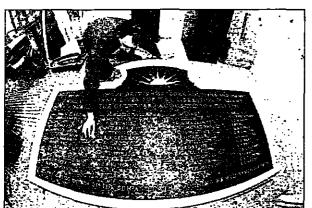
The village is providing the

plinth. landscaping and maintenance for the statue.

which is to be unveiled on

The £15.000 statue destined

Colleville-Montgomery



Able Seaman Foy's name heads the first column

ry. 37 from the Army and eight from the RAF. Sir Galahad, a support vessel, was on duty in the Gulf during the war.

Catherine Foy O'Byrne. 40. the dead sailor's elder sister. said: "We are delighted. We be included. It was a pretty tragic case and very difficult to

particulary for Maurice's two children and to pay tribute to him. We were a close family We were there for the trial. which was very harrowing.

Many of Able Seaman Foy's family, including his mother Agnes. 71, will travel from Dublin to attend the dedication service to be led in the cathedral by the Archbishop of Canterbury on February 28

They will join the late sail-or's wife Wendy and their daughters, aged fourteen and nine years, who live in Corn-wall. Michael Foy, 36, his in February as a tribute to our brother. He was a hero in our

He was the eldest brother among II children. The visit is our farewell to him. They are recognising his death but really it doesn't help us much. It is very hard for us, given the circumstances of Maurice's death. This means a good deal to my mother."

On the night of the killing. Craggs from Knaresborough. North Yorkshire, and Able Seaman Foy, from Dublin, had been drinking together. A row broke out between them and Craggs had to be re-strained and ordered to his cabin after punching and kick-ing his shipmate.

Able Seaman Foy was seen kicking at Craggs's cabin door but was told to go to bed. Later Craggs was found standing over Able Seaman Foy's body with a knife in his hand. At his trial at Oxford Crown Court. Craggs claimed Able Seaman Foy had woken him by banging on his cabin door and shouting: "I'm going to kill

of the D-Day landings.

public appeal. Both Ports-

mouth statues would be sited

outside the D-Day Museum

Monty will show the field

marshal in his military uni-

form but wearing over it his

favourite flying jacket.

Mrs Mallock's statue of

sympathisers. Last week protesters won a two-week delay when the first eviction orders were heard at the High Court. The next are due on Thursday but if the protesters' spoiling tactics are again successful another factor will come into play. Each June 6, the 52nd anniversary delay means the nesting sea-Portsmouth council hopes son, which could halt clearance work for several weeks. to fund a cast of the statue and another of a Normandy camcomes closer. paign soldier from a £40.000

PROTESTERS camped along

the route of the proposed

Newbury by-pass were final-

ising their battle plans yester-

day as the Highways Agency prepared to go to the High Court this week to evict them

from a network of treehouses

The fight for nine miles of

countryside, including part of

an English Civil War battle-

field, promises to be the most bitter Berkshire has seen since Roundheads and Cava-

liers clashed twice in the 17th

This time the weapons of

the growing band of green

campaigners will be mobile

telephones, pagers. CB radios

and the Internet. When the

first buildozer moves in the

campaigners - who call

themselves the Third Battle of

Newbury Group - claim they

will mobilise up to 1.000

In the nine camps, which include Tree Pixie Village and Granny Ash, the protesters have posted 24-hour look outs. Their colleagues wear climbing harnesses and ropes and when the first rumble of machinery is heard, scores will take to the trees. Their homes, stocked with

several weeks' supply of food cariously 30-40ft above the ground and linked by rope walkways. In all, there are about 60 treehouses. At one camp on Snelsmore

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Common. a network of tunnels is said to extend more than 150ft into the clay. The tunnels, about 3ft high and shored with scrap wood, can also house protesters for sev

eral weeks.
"We are learning new things all the time," said one of the camp dwellers who calls himself Hum the Hawk. "It will be difficult for them to get us out of the tunnels and they also make the ground unstable and means they can't move heavy the top."

Campaigners have been shown how to padlock themselves to machinery and, at some of the camps, concrete blocks have been set in oil barrels and buried in the ground. When the time comes hands can be thrust into small holes in the concrete and chained. They can be re-moved only if the entire "lockon point" is dug free.

upon Tyne. is a veteran of three protests. "Once the bailiffs come in and they start cutting down trees I think it is inevitable they will move us out eventually. It is a case of holding out for as long as possible to heighten awareness about what is being done here and hitting the Government where it hurts, in the

pocket. The 27-year-old has another



"Dave" in one of the tunnels that could be a bolthole

motive for prolonging the struggle against the new dualcarriageway. Like many of the campaigners, he has nowhere

A protester known as Perian makes his way along one of the rope walkways that links the camps' 60 treehouses perched 40ft above ground

Anti-road warriors prepare

for third battle of Newbury

The protesters, who claim the £67 million A34 link will destroy some of the most beautiful countryside in southern England, claim there is no hierarchy within their group. But the protest bears all the hallmarks of a

military operation. An elaborate "phone tree" will alert hundreds of supporters from all over the

country when clearance work

starts. At an office in Newbury, funded by Friends of the Earth and next door to the district council headquarters, computers donated by supporters, photocopiers and fax machines are used in the propaganda war.

Supporters of the bypass accuse the activists of using the Internet to send out false information about the effects of the road.

The first two battles of Newbury were decided by the use of pikes and staffs. In the third. it is new technology that

will play a key role.

Few allies in town besieged by the car

IN THE market town of Newbury, population 28,000, shoppers were apparently united in their support for the bypass and distaste for the protesters. "Get on with it as soon as possible," Victor Greg-ory, 70, said. "And if they don't come down from the trees, cut them down with them. You can sometimes get a six-mile queue coming into town and you have to build roads somewhere."

Opponents claim that a bypass will provide only a temporary fix, but devastate better public transport and traffic management schemes are the answer. But supporters, including David Rendel, the town's Liberal Democrat MP, and the district council. claim that 50,000 vehicles a day strangle the town. More than half is through-traffic, 19 per cent is lorries, and pollution in the town centre is three times higher than in other areas.

Trade is down by 15 per cent in the last year." Peter Gilmour, information officer for Newbury District Council, said. "There can be no argument that there is a desperate need for the bypass."

Yvonne Northcott, 51. a school secretary, said: "I am all for it, it is absolutely dreadful trying to get out of town and it is getting worse. I think these people are lucky to have so much time to spend up trees. They think the countryside is so beautiful but they don't seem to care about the pollution in the town caused

Foreigners win fight for hotel beds

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

FIELD MARSHAL Viscount

Montgomery of Alamein.

commander of the Allied land

forces on D-Day, is to be

honoured in bronze on both

sides of the Channel. Identical

statues are planned for Ports-

mouth and a French village in

Normandy that was liberated

the Portsmouth garrison be-

fore the Second World War.

The second two-metre high

statue will be at the French

Monty was commander of

on D-Day.

RECORD numbers of foreign tourists are filling hotels in the most popular parts of Britain and pushing prices beyond the reach of most domestic

In London, foreign visitors now fill about 70 per cent of all available hotel beds while hotels in the South. South East Yorkshire, Cumbria. East Anglia and East Midlands claim that more than 10 per cent of their rooms are taken by foreign guests

Only in the North West, where only 2 per cent of rooms are taken by guests from overseas and Northumbria. where the figure is 6 per cent are more than 90 per cent of available rooms used

by tourists. In the first ten months of last year there were more than 20 million foreign visitors, a rise of 11 per cent over the same period in 1994. "Demand is now outstripping supply." Richard Tobias, chief executive of the British

Incoming Tour Operators Association.

said. "That naturally leads to a harden-

ing of prices.
We desperately need thousands more hotel rooms now but the first to have been given the go ahead will not be ready until 1997. The problem is that foreign package tourist follow a wellworn trail around the country. We are trying to persuade them to visit parts

other popular areas." Russians are now being wooed to Blackpool, the Japanese to Yorkshire

other than London, the South East and

and the French are flocking to supermarkets throughout the South to take advantage of the weak pound. The number of Americans visiting Britain is expected to rise by 7 per cent this year with a particularly strong growth in the number of people aged between 55 and 64. Foreign tour operators have already booked hotel rooms up to 18 months in advance, ensuring that 1997 should be another successful year for the British

"We now know that the available hotels will be full." Mr Tobias said. "We need at least another 10,000 beds in London alone just to meet the demand and have 1,000 gradually coming on stream. We hope there will be a further 2,000 in 1997 and that the rest will be built before the end of the century."

Long, hot summer spoilt by litter

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

LITTER levels on Britain's beaches have risen by 60 per cent over the past 12 months, according to a study published

Coastal litter is feared to be adding to the risks suffered by wildlife. A million birds and 100,000 mammals such as dolphins, whales and sea turtles die world-wide each year after becoming entangled in rubbish or cating plastics. according to the International Conference on Marine Debris.

The increase in Britain's coastal litter identified in the annual Beachwatch survey was blamed on thoughtless tourists who flocked to beaches during the long, hot summer of 1995, and the continuing problems of ships and water companies that use the oceans as

rubbish dumps. Russell Twisk, a spokesman for the survey, which is carried out by the Marine Conservation Society and Reader's Digest, said: "Last year's sunshine summer brought more people than ever to our beautiful coastline, proving how important our bathing beaches are to

*Unfortunately they brought more litter and left more of it behind." Rubbish generated by visitors, including drinks cans, sweet bags, crisp packets and plastic cups, accounted for 18.5 per cent of the total.

More than 305,000 items were found on 196 stretches of coastline around Britain and Northern Ireland. Waste from shipping came a close second, accounting for 18.05 per cent of rubbish. Nearly 28,000 pieces of plastic rope and more than 3,000 pieces of fishing nets were found

The third most prevalent items, 12.09 per cent, were sewage-related, and these included more than 17,000 cotton bud

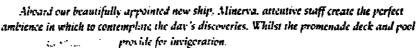
Sticks.
The dirtiest: 1 Jack Scout Cove, Silverdale, Lancs (166.07 items per matre); 2 Western Shore, Sunderland Point, Lancs (93.20); 3 Skimmingrove Beach, Saltburn, Cleveland (81.14); 4 Port Laing, North Queensterny, Fife; 5 East Sands, North Queensterny, Fife; 6 Fleshwick Bay, Isle of Man (37.47).
The creanest: 1 Le Port aux Melades, Cestel, Guernsey (0.01); 2 Fermain, St Peter Port, Guernsey (0.03); 3, Cefin Sidan Beach, Llanelli, Dyfed (0.04); 4 Abbotsham to Greenciff, near Bicleford, Devon (0.08); 5 Portelet, St Martin's, Guernsey (0.11); 6 Ryde Sands, Ryde, Isle of Wight (0.12).



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Italy shrugs off British fear of federalist plan

Richard Owen interviews

Italy's Foreign Minister and

SUSANNA AGNELLI, the Italian Foreign Minister, has outlined a federalist programme for the European Union which is likely to ring alarm bells in Britain. It includes a common foreign policy, extended majority voting and increased powers for the European Parliament.

Italy took over the EU presidency from Spain this month and Signora Agnelli is embarking on a tour of European capitals this week before addressing the European Par-liament in Strasbourg. She acknowledged in an interview that her enthusiasm for European integration was in con-trast to the attitude of her predecessor, Antonio Martino, who was "rather British in his approach". But she hoped for an agreement with Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, on a proposal for ad hoc mediators on foreign poli-cy rather than a foreign

minister for Europe". Signora Agnelli said: "I am especially interested in having a unified foreign policy. The British do not like this idea. because they are afraid it might mean one particular person representing the whole

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hears why majority voting is inevitable for Europe

of Europe. But that is not my idea at all." Signora Agnelli said America must not be allowed to dominate conflict resolution, and she proposed ad hoc mediators from Europe on conflicts such as Cyprus, where a senior Italian official

is holding exploratory talks.
Signora Agnelli, 73, became
Foreign Minister a year ago
when Lamberto Dini formed an interim Government after the collapse of the centre-right coalition led by Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon. This week parliament will decide whether the Dini administration should continue until the end of the Italian EU presidency in June. Signor Berlusconi, who has flirted with the idea of a "government of national unity" to complete electoral reform, indicated at the weekend that elections were back on the agenda.
Because of her status — she

is the sister of Gianni Agnelli. the Fiat magnate — and her lack of involvement in current politics, Signora Agnelli has a freewheeling. no-nonsense style which some find refreshing and others alarming. She retired from politics at the last election and had not expected to be "fished out" to serve in Signor Dini's "technocratic" Government. But her privileged upbringing had served her well. When I went to

used to play on the beach together on the Riviera." She said she had been "very fond" of Douglas Hurd when he was Foreign Secretary, and enjoyed his sense of humour, but I have just as good a time with Malcolm Rifkind. I was brought up in a very British

Luxembourg they asked me if I would like to meet the Grand

Duke. I said, of course, we

Signora Agnelli said she did

ish-style" Euro-scepticism displayed by Signor Martino.
Most Italians regarded doubts
about European integration as "anathema". Although Italy is unlikely to meet the terms for a single currency, it remains committed to full monetary union. Signora Agnelli be-lieved Euro-MPs should have more say in legislation, giving them "the power a parliament would have nationally". Majority voting in the Council of Ministers was inevitable because of future enlargement with a consequent erosion of national veto power.

Europe's approach to the former Yugoslavia had been a mistake, with each country voicing its own interests. Brit-ain and France had made a "fantastic" contribution, but in the end "the impression Europe gave was of not being there". It was "a shame" that Richard Holbrooke, the Amer-ican mediator, had had to save the day in Bosnia.

"Cyprus is a European problem, too — it has applied for membership, as has Turkey - and there should be at least a European mediator alongside the American one.



Susanna Agnelli, the Italian Foreign Minister, favours a joint EU foreign policy and hopes that Britain will agree to the appointment of special mediators

Bombings spur talks in Corsica

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

THE French Government is holding secret talks with Corsican separatists after an intensified wave of bombings on the Mediterranean island.

Early yesterday another bomb exploded in a govern-ment school building in Bastia, causing serious damage but no injuries. The outlawed National Front for the Liber-ation of Corsica (FLNC). which wants autonomy from France, claimed responsi-bility for the attack, the ninth

since January I. On Friday a military recreation building in southern Corsica was destroyed by separatists and over the weekend bombs exploded outside the homes of two

prominent judges.

The surge of violence is intended to renew pressure on French officials who have begun secret discussions with the separatists, according to Libération newspaper. Gov-ernment negotiators are said to have offered an amnesty to leaders of the independence movement as well as "material concessions" on reforming the island's institutions.

Clerides accuses police of killings

By Michael Theodoulou

PRESIDENT Clerides of Cyprus has accused his police force of committing murders and of being involved in bombings, arson attacks and gangland battles to control drugs, gambling and prostitution.

Some killings were carried out with the knowledge of superiors, and officers at the highest level were involved in corrup-tion, he added. There will be an inquiry. Nearly a million Britons

holiday every year on the island, where mugging is unknown and only the paranoid lock cars. But in recent months owners of seedy cabarets and massage pariours have been assassinated by masked gunmen, cars blown up and nightclubs set ablaze. Eight murders from last year remain unsolved.

tions were made public at the weekend in a letter he wrote accepting the resignation of the assistant police chief, Costas Papacostas. The chief, Andreas Potamaris, is abroad, but is expected to resign for "health reasons".

In November it was revealed that officers in Limassol were guilty of torturing suspects in a manner reminiscent of the Middle Ages and the Inquisition". An independent board of inquiry reported there was organised system of subjecting detainees to inhuman torture aimed at securing confessions".

After an inquiry, the Government said victims were entitled to compensa tion. Twelve Limassol offiincluding chief inspectors and superintendents, face the sack.

his brick to 'rebirth' of cathedral

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

"The re-creation of this holy place renews people's faith that Russia will be reborn, like this cathedral," said Mr

Behind the project is Mr Luzhkov, who has bullied public and private donors to finance it. More than 3,000 builders have worked round the clock to keep the church on its deadline of September 1997. The overall cost, not including the interior, is expected to be almost £200 million.

Critics of the new cathedral say it is an extravagant waste of money dreamed up by former Communist leaders keen to establish their credentials as Russian nationalists. Its admirers say it is an act of atonement for years of religious repression under the Soviet regime.

"It is a symbol of Orthodox Russia," said Boris Lyudo-govsky, an engineer. "It is well known that it was built in honour of the patriotic war. So it is a symbol of the Russian people's ability to defend the independence of its motherland." But Valentina Chere-

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Yeltsin adds

THE last bricks in the shell of the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour - destroyed by Stalin in 1931 - were laid in Moscow yesterday by President Yelt-sin, Patriarch Aleksei II, and Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of

Yeltsin before a short service to mark the Russian Orthodox Christmas. The 330ft redbrick shell now towers over the Moscow river on what was an empty site a year ago. Its domes will be gilded over in time for Easter. The original cathedral was built to celebrate Russia's victory over

deyeva, a biologist, said it was a "sin" to rebuild the church. "It is too grandiose."

Nato to hit back after shootings

By Eve-Ann Prentice and Our Foreign Staff

NATO troops in Bosnia, who have come under fire four times in three days, yesterday vowed to hit back with British troops came under

fire in the towns of Sanski Most and Bosanska Krupa in northwest Bosnia on Saturday. French troops patrolling the Serb area of Sarajevo aimed cannon fire at unknown assailants amid wild shooting to celebrate Orthodox Christmas Eve.

A French Falcon 50 aircraft was also hit by two smallarms rounds as it came into Sarajevo to land yesterday, said Major Simon Haselock, spokesman for the lfor imple-

mentation force. Spanish troops meanwhile patrolled the streets of Mostar, the divided southern Bosnian city, said to be "calm but tense" after a series of clashes between Muslims and Croats.

Croat police who shot dead a Muslim youth in the city used armour-piercing bullets which have a shattering effect on the human body, European Union officials said. The same kind of bullets, made of

strengthened steel and coated in copper, were also used to wound two Muslim police officers last Thursday, although it is not clear whether Croat police, soldiers or civil-

ians fired the shots. Hans Koschnik, the city's EU administrator, said yester day that the situation could quickly become "catastrophic" if nothing was done to calm

American diplomacy will intensify this week ahead of the planned visit to Bosnia by President Clinton, in an attempt to shore up the Muslim-Croat Federation, a cornerstone of the fragile peace settlement. Richard Holbrooke, the architect of the accords concluded in November in Dayton, Ohio, will travel to the Balkans after warning that tension between Muslims and Croats is now the "greatest threat" to peace

Mr Clinton is supposed to inspect the implementation force troops before January 23, the date he is to deliver his State of the Union address to



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Documentary film accuses China of condemning orphanage children to death

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TV broadcast threatens Rifkind goodwill visit

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

ALLEGATIONS that China starves children to death in orphanages threaten to sour a visit by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, to Peking beginning tomorrow.

Claims that unwanted infants, especially girls, are subjected to appalling, often fatal suffering are due to he broad-cast on British television tomorrow as Mr Rifkind arrives in the Chinese capital.

China has pressed for the programme to be withdrawn. The British Government, reeling from criticism that it has bowed to Saudi pressure and trade interests in deporting Dr Muhammad al-Masari, the Saudi dissident, made clear vesterday that it was in no position to call for the broadcast to be cancelled.

The programme, Return to the Dying Rooms, is based on a report by the Human Rights Waich/Asia organisation.

Liu Jianchao. First Secretary at the Chinese Embassy in London, said at the weekend that it "will poison the atmosphere between China and Britain. It is a very bad



Jian Xun. 11. died in a Shanghai orphanage 10 days after this picture was taken. No cause was given

would not be "conducive" to Mr Rifkind's visit to Peking. where he will discuss human rights, trade and Hong Kong. A Chinese Embassy spokesman added that the pro-

gramme "will harm the mutual understanding be-tween the Chinese people and Britain". The Chinese Government swiftly issued details of health-care improvements

Times, and other foreign media to inspect the Shanghai man Rights Watch report as

main child diseases had risen to more than 80 per cent in the 1990s, while child deaths from measies had fallen by 97.47 per cent, the official Xinhua

one of the worst offenders until 1993. Vaccination rates for the

policy and misleads public Mr Rifkind arrived in Hong Kong on Saturday for a four-day visit before leaving for Peking. He will meet Chinese leaders to build on progress achieved during the October visit to London by his Chinese

compared with 1990. Xinhua

That improvement in nutri-

tion was in sharp contrast to

the report, which cited figures

published by China's Ministry

of Civil Affairs and orphanage

workers showing "third-de-

gree malnutrition" as the most

common cause of death at the

Shanghai Children's Welfare

China's State Council dis-

missed the allegations, saying:

We have not yet seen this so-

called report ... this report of

blame against our orphanages

In London, the Chinese

Embassy has written to Peter

Salmon, Channel 4's control-

ler of factual programmes.

saying the documentary, to be

broadcast at 9pm tomorrow.

attempts to defame China,

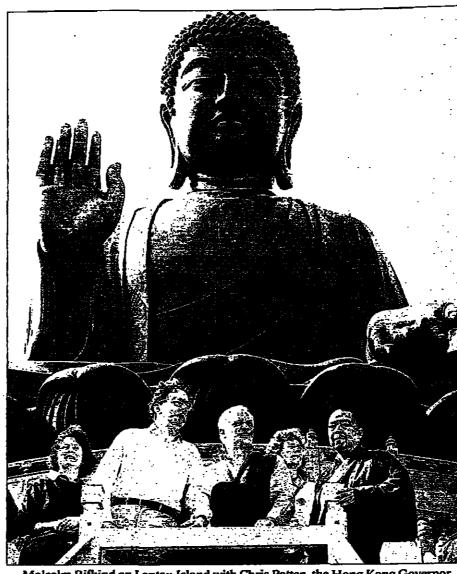
attacks its family planning

counterpart, Qian Qichen.

is totally without foundation.

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added, but gave no figures.



America braced for visa backlash

FROM REUTER IN PEKING

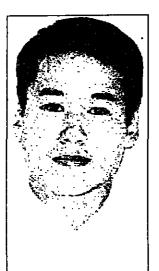
CHINA was weighing its options yesterday after the United States issued a transit visa to Vice-President Li Yuan-zu of Taiwan.

Political analysts said that. whatever its response. Peking would feel that Washington was not listening to its grievances. America an nounced on Saturday that i allowing the Vice-President's aircraft to stop in Los Angeles on his way to and from

There will be no public activity during the transits." said Phyllis Young, the State Department spokeswoman.
This is consistent with our policy and with our unofficial relationship with Taiwan."

Relations between China and America were virtually frozen after a visit by Presi dent Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan last June. Diplomats in the United States contend that the Vice-President's visa will

'Thousands disappear into a secret world of starvation'



Ai Ming: photographed "dying room" babies

CHILDREN are dying by the thousands in Chinese orphanages - condemned as the

That is the conclusion of a report. Death by Default: A Policy of Fatal Neglect in China's State Orphanages. Human Rights Watch.

The 331-page document, coauthored by Robin Munro. a leading authority on Chinese human rights, and Jeff Rigsby, states: "China's orphanages are places of no return for the majority of abandoned infants ... with death rates (in 1989) far exceeding those recorded in Nicolae Ceausescu's Romania during the same period."

As a national average, the claims, an intant

Tiananmen affair. Tibet's repression and the Cultural Revolution surviving the first year. In

tality rates range from almost 60 to more than 70 per cent. In the most prestigious orphanage. Shanghai's Children's Weifare Institute. which receives much foreign support, the total mortality from the late 1980s to the early 1990s "was probably running as high as 90 per cent".

some provinces annual mor-

The report describes "a secret world of starvation. disease and unnatural death. world into which thousands

every year ... they are the orphans and abandoned children in custodial institutions run by Shanghai's Bu-

Jonathan Mirsky writes of the most shocking rights violations he

has encountered in 40 years of watching China. worse than the

reau of Civil Affairs". The report is based on official documents, including published mortality figures and internal investigations by municipal bodies, together with interviews with medical staff and former inmates who were punished trying to halt maltreatment.

That information included nhotographs of b stands a 50 per cent chance of of Chinese citizens disappear "dying rooms" which were cal treatment. Internal medi-

taken secretly by Wi Ming, a doctor who spent 20 years at the Shanghai orphanage be-

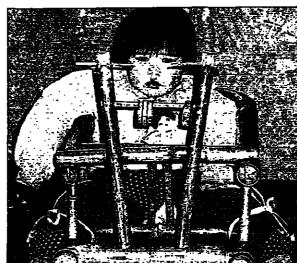
fore leaving China in 1995. At the weekend, the Civil Affairs Ministry called the report "all lies and fabrications" and insisted that, while mortality figures are high, most children who die were seriously ill when they entered the orphanages

The report's authors say orphanages' staff allow children to die of hunger, thirst.

try says are forgeries — show most are healthy when admitted, even though some are handicapped. Death reports are falsified, with many deaths attributed to "mental deficiency" and "cleft palate" handicaps that are rarely

There has been an acceleration in orphanage mortality since the inauguration of the one-child-per-family policy in 1979 which led to a dramatic rise in the abandonment by parents of baby girls. They make up about 90 per cent of

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SALEAN MENTER Eight killed by Karachi

Karachi: A bomb on a bus taking 50 government workers home exploded here yesterday, killing at least eight people and wounding 35 (Zahid Hussein writes). Most of the wounded have serious

bus bomb

burns. The bus was on a busy road leading to the airport when the bomb went off. Nobody has yet claimed responsibility. More than 2,000 people died in political and ethnic violence here last year. Another 40 have died since the new year.

Guatemala poll

Guatemala City: Polls opened in Guatemala's presidential run-off election between Alvaro Arzu, of the National Vanguard Party, and Alfonso Portillo, of the Guatemalan Republican Front. (AFP)

Envoy expelled

Geneva: A Russian diplomat at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva was expelled last month for "illegal intelligence activities". spokesman for the Swiss Justice Department said. (AFP)

Refusal to quit

Warsaw: Jozef Oleksy rejected calls to resign as Polish Prime Minister over claims that he had been a Moscow spy, but said he would not run for leader of the former Communists until cleared. (AP)

Bridge toll

Elkhovo: The death toll from Saturday's collapse of a crowded footbridge rose to six. About 80 people watching a Bulgarian festival fell into the River Toundja but most scrambled to safety. (Reuter)

Kindness kills

Lelystad: A Dutch motorist aged 72 was run over and killed after he stopped on a motorway north of Amsterdam to give first aid to a rabbit, the Dutch news agency ANP reported. (Reuter)

Judge urges shake-up of Pretoria's arms agency

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

A COMMISSION of inquiry investigating apartheid-era weapons deals is to recommend a management shakeup at Armscor, South Africa's state arms agency, and tougher regulations covering the sale of arms, it was reported vesterday. In its first report, released in

July last year, the governmentappointed Cameron commission of inquiry severely censured Armscor's management for negligence and mal-administration. The Johannesburg Sunday Independent said vesterday the latest recommendations suggest that a new board be appointed to restructure the organisation.

If the recommendations are accepted. Armscor will lose its role of controlling South Africa's arms exports. The commission proposes that an independent body should take

Mr Justice Cameron was appointed by Joe Modise, the Defence Minister, to head an investigation in September 1994, after it was discovered that Armscor had sold AK47 assault rifles to Yemen in defiance of a South African government ban.

The first report found that the former apartheid Government had, in effect, supported both sides in the Lebanon civil war, selling weapons to the Christian militia and the Lebanese Government. Armscor also sold large quantities of

arms to countries making up the former Yugoslavia.

The commission found that the Government of National Unity had been ignorant of the illicit sale of arms to Yemen in 1994. It recommended the dismissal of three Armscor officials, who resigned or retired shortly before the report was released.

While President Mandela

has backed South African arms sales as a valuable source of income for reconstruction and development, he has warned arms companies not to flout international agreements. In recent months the Government has signalled its intention to get tough with the arms industry, examining all arms exports on a case-bycase basis. President Man-

Mugabe rejects IMF demands

Harare: President Mugabe admitted he had reached an impasse with the International Monetary Fund over the bank's demands for economic reforms, but said he would not agree to spending cuts

(Jan Raath writes).
Mr Mugabe, quoted in the state-controlled Sunday Mail newspaper, said the Government had agreed to reduce the civil service, but wanted to do so gradually and provide a "safety net" service for dismissed state workers.

dela's office said he had received the report and was studying it. The report will be presented to the arms control

committee on January 18. The troubled health system is also set for a radical shakeup in the next few months. with a fundamental shift towards primary health care and greater responsibility for employers to provide financial help with medical treatment.

Provincial health ministers are studying the final draft of a new national health plan which will be submitted to the Cabinet when it meets again after the Christmas break. The target date for the

introduction has been set for April I. Nkosazana Zuma, the Health Minister, will soon announce details of the plan which envisages: free primary health care: an essential drugs list which will be available free to primary health care patients; employers will have to provide a basic hospital plan or medical aid for all employees; and hospital bud-gets will be cut and charges introduced.

The burden of funding the plan will fall largely on the shoulders of taxpayers. But the essential drugs list is projected to save hundreds of millions of rands.

Senior medical figures are concerned about the prospect of falling standards in health care and many are said to be sceptical about the plan.

Peacemaking Punjab police chief sacked in human rights clean-up

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELIN

THE INDIAN police chief who brought peace to Punjab through the violence of his officers is considering "a vast array of opportunities" after being fired in a terse, latenight message by fax.

The dismissal of the harddrinking K.P.S. Gill is a sign of India's determination to clean up a human-rights image sullied by sanctioned brutality in Punjab and Kash-

mir. Punjab was, per capita, one of the world's most vioient places. Separatist militant organisations, fighting ostensibly for a Sikh homeland called Khalistan, killed at random, as did police. Tens of thousands of people went missing in the slaughter. which ended a few years ago with the death or flight of the

last active gunman. Mr Gill, 62, was then a national hero, even if international human rights organisations criticised his tactics.

But continuing peace made him an embarrassment, and his trial later this month for allegedly smacking the backside of a woman civil servant at a party added to official discomfort. The decision to order his retirement, well beyond the normal age, was made at highest government levels.

He has been signed up by Penguin India to write his autobiography and is moving to Delhi, where he hopes to write for newspapers.



Bush: accused of

Russian

informer

'betrayed

by Bush'

FROM IAN BRODIE

IN WASHINGTON

GEORGE BUSH ban-

gled his dealings with the Soviet Union, claims the

former US Ambassador

to Moscow, Jack Matiock.

On one occasion, the former President inad-

vertently betrayed a highly placed Russian of-

ficial who had secretly

asked the Americans to

alert Boris Yeltsin to the

impending coup against Mikhail Gorbachev, says Mr Matlock in his

"I would not have expected this from a former

head of the CIA who

prided himself on profes-

sionalism and was quick

to condemn any leak of the most trivial informa-

tion," writes Mr Matlock.

Partly due to the "reck-less" indiscretion, Gary Popov, the economic re-

former who warned of the

impending coup, was on the plotters' short-list of

those to be arrested when

they made their abortive

coup attempt two months

later. According to Mr

Madock, the Popov inci-

dent was symptomatic of

the frequently amateurish and flawed dealings with

Moscow by Mr Bush. Mr Bush, he concludes.

"always seemed just a step behind, always looking over his shoulder". Ron-

ald Reagan, by contrast,

is portrayed as an astute leader who readily accept-

ed Mr Matlock's advice in

developing Soviet policy.

Matlock's exhaustive ac-

count, Autopsy on an

Empire, as the most intel-

Soviet collapse so far. But

there are suggestions that

he is settling old scores.

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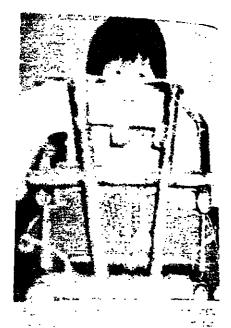
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Investigators close in as 'lost' papers are found

First Lady sinks deeper into mire of Whitewater

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

publish a book this week on how society can better serve children, but the big promo-tional tour ber publishers have planned for her is likely to prove a debacle.

The First Lady is in deep political trouble after the belated release of several incriminating documents last week, and the last thing journalists will want to ask her about is her views on children. Indeed, seven of the ten questions in her first interview with Newsweek yesterday con-cerned the Whitewater affair and her role in the 1993 sacking of the seven-man White House travel office.

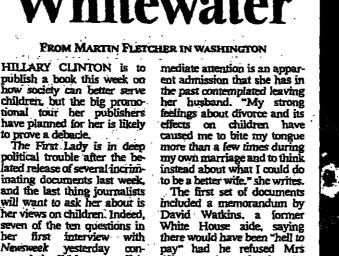
Mrs Clinton refused to predict whether she would be subpoenaed to testify before congressional investigators, but it looks increasingly pos-sible they will now take that extraordinary step.

Over the weekend Alfonse

D'Amato, the Senate Whitewater committee chairman, accused the White House of "conduct that borders on contempt, obstruction and making false statements" following its sudden and sus-picious "discovery" of the long-sought documents.

Mr D'Amato and other investigators have already subpoensed, interrogated and in two cases — levelled perjury charges against the First Lady's closest friends and aides. It is clear that they are now homing in on Mrs

The only passage in her book likely to command im-



office. There was no obvious reason for the dismissals, except that Harry Thomason, a Hollywood friend of the Clintons, wanted the business for his own aviation firm. The memo, released late last Wed-nesday night, flatly contra-dicts evidence Neil Eggleston, a White House lawyer, gave a General Accounting Office investigation of the sackings in 1994. Mrs Clinton "does not know the origin of the decision" to dismiss the travel office and "had no role in the decision", he said.

Clinton's demands that he

immediately sack the travel

All but one of the sacked men were later exonerated and rehired. The seventh was tried for embezzlement but a jury took just two hours to acquit him. Mrs Clinton told Newsweek "I just don't have any memory" of ordering the sackings, but a House committee has subpoenaed Mr Watkins and Mr Thomason to

The Watkins memo also



President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, showing four-year-old Brandon Denny, a survivor of the Oklahoma bombing, around the White House at the weekend

referred intruigingly to the again too late for the evening "secret service situation" earlier in 1993. It appears he failed to act on Mrs Clinton's orders that suspect agents be transerred after Newsweek published a story about her throwing objects at her hus-

lawyer in the 1980s. The second set of documents Mrs Clinton has stated on oath that she did minimal was released on Friday night,

work for Madison, but the 166 pages of billing records show much Mrs Clinton had she had at least 14 meetings or worked for and charged Madconversations with a Madison ison Guaranty, the failed Arexecutive about one deal that kansas savings and loan bank lost the bank \$3 million. at the centre of the Whitewater The records were subpoe affair, while a Little Rock

naed two years ago but the vanished until an aide found them while, sorting papers.

Clinton gesture opens way to deal on budget

By MARTIN FLETCHER

THE American Government senator, said Mr Dole was a resumed full operations yesterday after a surprise breakthrough in top-level White House budget negotiations. But the worst snowstorm to hit the East Coast in years seemed likely to keep most of Washington's federal offices closed for a few more days at least. Even yesterday's budget talks were cancelled.

The breakthrough came late on Saturday when President Clinton suddenly and unexpectedly complied with Republican demands that he provide his own plan to balance the nation's books in seven years using independently approved economic as-sumptions. The plan — Mr Clinton's fifth in a year - is very different from the far more draconian Republican blueprint for shrinking the Government and achieving a balanced budget by 2002. It is still uncertain whether the two can be melded into a single mutually acceptable Bill, but the President's gesture was enough to persuade the Re-publicans to fund fully until January 26 a Government that has been partly shut down since December 15.

Last Friday, retreating in the face of intense public pressure, the Republicans had agreed temporarily to reopen the Government, but only with sufficient funds to perform a very limited number of critical functions. Most of the 760,000 affected employees would have sat in their offices with nothing to do.

At a Republican presiden-tial debate in South Carolina on Saturday night, the candi-dates had bitterly denounced Robert Dole, the Senate leader and clear front-runner for his party's nomination, for orchestrating that retreat. Phil Gramm, the Texas senator. accused him of betraying Republican principles in his eagerness to compromise with Mr Clinton. Lamar Alexander, the former Tennessee

great deal maker, but would lose the White House and cost his party control of Congress in next November's elections.

But Mr Clinton's offer, announced just as the debate began, gave the absent Mr Dole a chance to argue that he has broken the impasse and revived hopes of the Republi-can Congress and the White House agreeing on America's first genuinely balanced bud-

get in three decades. Mr Clinton said his plan showed "you can balance the budget in seven years and protect Medicare, Medicaid, education and the environment, and provide tax relief to working families". Republicans disagreed, but at least the two sides can now begin serious bargaining.

Mr Clinton would cut \$154 billion (about £100 billion) from projected spending on Medicare and Medicaid, the previously sacrosanct health insurance programmes for the elderly and poor, while the Republicans would cut \$318 billion. Mr Clinton would cut taxes by \$87 billion, the Republicans by \$241 billion. He would cut other spending on discretionary domestic programmes by about 25 per cent less than the Republicans.



Dole: denounced by

'Willy' whale begins trip to freedom

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

KEIRO, the 21ft killer whale that starred in the hit film Free Willy, was winched from his cramped pool in a Mexico City amusement park yesterday on the first stage of his long he first s journey to freedom.

The 17-year-old Orca appeared in the 1993 film about a boy's effort to free a captive whale, and his fans and the Warner Bros studio joined to give him a Hollywood-style happy ending.

In a case of life imitating art,

newly-built salt water tank in his life performing stunts at Oregon where experts will

prepare him for release into the sea. He will be the first killer whale ever returned to "The movie ended beautiful-

ly. but [Warner Bros] worried that the star was in a facility that did not meet his needs," said David Phillips, director of the Free Willy Foundation set up with a \$2 million (£1.29 million) donation from the studio. Keiko was captured off Iceland in 1978 and has spent

Mexico's Reino Aventura amusement park.

Although the amusement park denies that he is in had underweight and suffers from a skin irritation which causes cauliflower-like warts. His dorsal fin droops and his teeth are worn from chewing on his

Keiko reached sexual maturity at the age of 15, but the amusement park could not afford a mate. Families stayed

up past midnight to watch the 3.5-tonne whale being hoisted out of his pool in a canvas sling and lowered into a metal container, squealing and flap-

Experts hope that Keiko's new saltwater tank, which is five times larger than his Mexican pool, and a more varied fish diet, will prepare the film star for life in the wild in about a year. However, some conservationists believe that releasing the whale will

Bird conservationist accused of smuggling endangered species one of the world's largest

By James Bone

A BIRD-LOVER since childhood. Tony Silva carned an international reputation as a as the Blue-throated Conure, the African Grey and the Redvented Cockatoo.

While still in his twenties, he wrote scholarly monographs on parrots and macaws, became a sought-after speaker, and was appointed head of an aviary on the Canary Islands which houses

collection of rare birds. Mr Silva, however, now faces charges in Chicago of

running an illegal bird-smug- between 1985 and 1992. collectors around the world. If convicted, Mr Silva, 35, faces up to 45 years in jail. His trial had been scheduled for January 16, but has now been delayed while prosecutors consider a plea bargain.

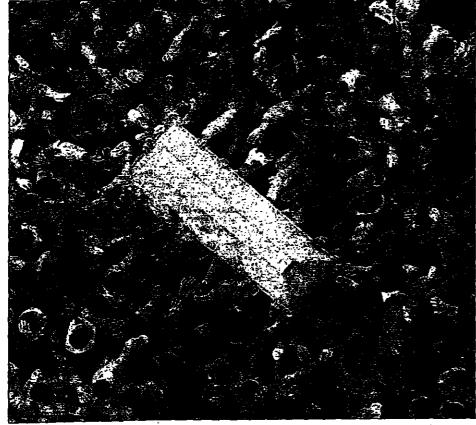
According to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, which mounted a five-year investiga-

tion code-named Operation Renegade, Mr Silva smuggled \$1.3 million (£830,000) worth of endangered species

were at least 186 Hyacinth macaws, a species on the verge of extinction. Each bird can fetch up to \$15,000. Prosecutors say Mr Silva

worked with his mother, Gila Daoud, 62, and bought illegal birds from an Argentine bird dealer, who mixed them with shipments of legal birds.

Calls for vengeance as hero of Hamas is buried



Mourners in Gaza City crowd round the coffin of Yehia Ayyash, the Hamas bomber killed in an operation by Shin Bet, the Israeli security service

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

PROGRESS recently towards peace in the Middle East suffered a severe reversal yesterday. Israel imposed an indefinite ban on Palestinians entering from the occupied territories and halted all joint patrols with the Palestinian police, in an attempt to thwart threatened retaliation for Friday's killing of master-bomber Yehia Ayyash. "A renewal of suicide at-

tacks against Jewish civilians can only be a matter of time now," said one official as Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, to which Ayyash (nicknamed "The Engineer") belonged, declared an end to the self-imposed tempo-rary ban on attacks against Israeli targets which has kept relative calm for four months.

Even ardent Israeli supporters of the fragile peace deal with the Palestine Liberation Organisation were shocked at the hatred and mass support for revenge which was demonstrated at Ayyash's funeral in Gaza on Saturday, attended by more than 100,000 mourners and claimed to be the

biggest seen there for years.
There is blood in our mouths which we want to spit

in the face of the unjust world," said Sheikh Nafez Azzam, leader of the militant Islamic Jihad group, speaking at the graveside of the man credited with masterminding suicide bombs which killed more than 50 Jews and

This incident will have a very negative impact," said Jamil Hamami, a Hamas spokesman in Jerusalem, as extraordinary precautions were imposed on all forms of Israeli public transport. The period of calm has been completely blown up."

At least 50,000 workers

wounded at least 250 others.

were prevented from entering Israel from the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip in a move which Israel claimed was vital to try to minimise the liklihood of suicide bombers crossing into the Jewish state to wreak revenge. Many Palestinians said that the economic hardship imposed would only increase support for Islamic groups like Hamas two weeks before the first Palestinian elections, scheduled for January 20.

As Israeli Star of David flags were ritually burnt dur-ing Ayyash's chilling funeral

procession, a voice from one of the mosque loudspeakers cried "Tell [Shimon] Peres that millions of Yehia Ayyashes will be born", to which the huge crowd answered: "Yes to Iz a-din al-Qassam" - a reference to Hamas's military wing whose members have been instructed to carry out

the revenge attacks. Both among Israelis and Palestinians, the 30-year-old electrical engineering gradu-ate had enjoyed an inflated reputation that had transformed him into an almost legendary figure even before his assassination by 50 grams of explosives concealed in a

cellular telephone. This reputation was enhanced with yesterday's disclosure that, only the day before his killing in an operation by the Israeli security service Shin Bet, the wife of Israel's most wanted terrorist

had given birth to a son. However, Leah Rabin, widow of the assassinated Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, who first gave Ayyash the Hebrew nickname meaning "The En-

gineer", said: "I regret that my husband was unable to see

Geologists claim to have found Sodom



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By Christopher Walker

SOME 4,000 years after the destruction of the world's most wicked city, two British geologists are convinced that they have located the site of Sodom on the eastern shore of the Dead Sea, rather than the shallow southern part where archaeologists have traditionally placed it. Should the theory, outlined in the Journal of Engineering Geology, published by the Geological Society of Vanda of Engineering deal Society of London, prove true, the biblical city destroyed by fire and brimstone because of the sexual perversion of its inhabitants

would be located on what is now the Jordanian east coast of the Dead Sea. Basing their findings on studies of the

lowest point on earth, Graham Harris and Anthony Beardow are convinced that the biblical story of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is based on geological reality.

"The jigsaw now fits," Mr Harris said.
The biblical story can be rationalised. Instead of something like Atlantis or the old Norse legends, we can show that rational geological thinking corroborates the story." Mr Harris believes that the ruins of Sodom could be lying under the

mud and debris "like London after the Blitz" and hints that bodies might be found encased in mud.

According to the geologists' research, an area of the Dead Sea further north that the previously accepted site pro-duced bitumen. Genesis reported that the Vale of Siddim where the sinful cities lay was "full of slimepits", by which they

claim was meant "bitumen pits". The British experts speculate that a large earthquake could have caused an inferno and liquefaction of the bitumen on a scale big enough to have swallowed



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The V&A's new director tells Simon Tait a story of high hopes and bitter disillusion

Death by a million cuts

hen Virginia Bottomley visits the Victoria and Albert Museum this month she will be confronted by yet another arts crisis. This is a particularly baleful one because. with visitor numbers the highest for ten years, the exhibition programme reinstated in two vast courts, new galleries open and a new director, the museum was on a surge. Bottomley has stopped the surge with a £1 million cut to the V&A's grant for next year, with the same promised for 1997-98.

The cut is a cruel baptism for the Heritage Secretary's host. Alan Borg. who became director just two months ago and suddenly faces a budget deficit of £4 million by 1997. Even before the Budget in November and its public-spending fall-out, he had a £200 million repair programme to finance, the refurbishment of galleries, many of which are, he says, "a disgrace to the standards of a national museum", the launch of a £40 million landmark building project for the millennium and the completion of a multimillionpound computer network.

Now the vista he will set before Bottomley is bleak as he takes her around the new - largely sponsored galleries and especially the almost completed Raphael Cartoon Court, which reopens later this year, that mark the V&A's recovery from the last lot of cuts in the mid-1980s. And then the closed ones waiting for money for repairs, and the roofs through which water still pours, and those "appalling" galleries no self-respecting local museum would allow. Of 171 public display rooms. 23 were closed last Wednesday, either for repairs or because of a shortage of warding staff. Borg will not subject Bottomley to the kind of shrill tirade that arts chiefs have been unable to resist in the past, he says. He will let the evidence speak for itself.

There were nice historical coincidences about Borg succeeding Elizabeth Estève-Coll as V&A director. He had raught her art history at Birkbeck College in the 1970s, and she is now Vice-Chancellor of the University of East Anglia, where Borg started his directorial career as the first curator of the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts. But will there be a more melancholy resemblance that he was not bargaining for when he took the job

One of Esteve-Coll's first moves was to get rid of nine department heads, an action which brought international opprobrium from which she never recovered, despite notable subsequent successes with new galleries and the restored exhibitions.

The V&A's current £31.6 million grant is divided simply, 60 per cent for wages and 40 per cent for buildings, so Borg says he has two simple choices for the trustees when they meet on January IS, a choice of evils; cut staff or cut building maintenance. The immediate action will probably be a freeze on vacancies and the maintenance pro-

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When the new director began, he lifted the V&A's depressed mood immediately by removing a layer of administration in his first week -without firing anyone - and not only opening the director's door but stepping through it for weekly visits to museum sections to discuss both their problems and plans and his own.

He is anxious not to shoot down raised morale by cutting iobs, but he might not have a choice. "I could go to the curacould manage without certain posts, and I've no doubt they would say yes but that the jobs would not get done."

he says. "There are areas where we need more staff, not fewer, to complete the tasks we have.

at the Imperial War Museum, and when he was appointed to run the V&A, he was widely expected to introduce admission charges immediately, a move which his predecessors had fought shy of in the face of opposition from a powerful group of anti-charging trustees. In the mid-1980s Roy Strong had

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and the Independent story took my remark out of context in a way which didn't help the debate." He is anxious that any cuts should not affect the public - "If you come from overseas and find the galleries you want to visit closed, it's bitterly

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out of voluntary donations, but the Imperial War Museum and its branches all charge, have slightly fewer visitors than the V&A and make as a result, with no money to carry out His casual remark the work the exhibition programme will be curtailed further. in a magazine article that most of the sort of people who visit

ne of the worst sections of roof covers one of the most popular galleries, the Sculpture Court, and a current survey is almost certain to recommend immediate closure, which will be indefinite because the gallery itself is long overdue for refurbishment and there is not the money for either task. "I hoped that we had made an

argument for the V&A being seen as a special case, with our new galleries. our performance with the public and the needs of this old building, but it seems we failed," Borg says. "Museums are a soft target because

we are not producing anything. If we were the car industry, the cuts would have obvious immediate effects on the economy. As it is, the cuts will take a little longer to be evident, but they will be equally disastrous."

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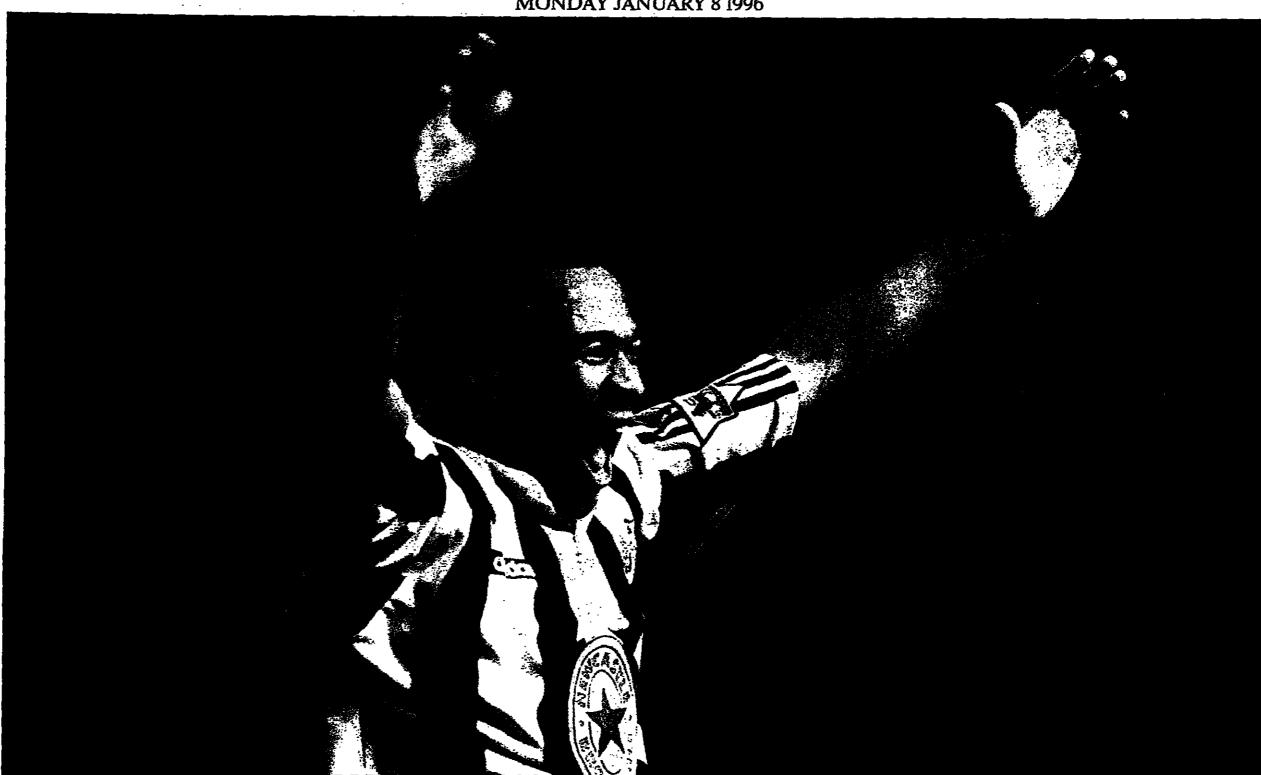


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Bubbling over with elation, excitement and relief, Ferdinand celebrates his last-gasp equaliser for Newcastle United in their dramatic draw at Stamford Bridge yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Injury-time equaliser saves Newcastle at Stamford Bridge

Ferdinand stages great escape

Newcastle United1

By Ros Hughes FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE stopwatch yesterday

condemned Chelsea to an FA Cup replay at Fortress St James' Park, Newcastle. On the run of play at Stamford Bridge, it was a travesty, but. in time added on for injuries -indeed, time for what the referee, Stephen Lodge, may well have deemed to be feign-

ing injury — Les Ferdinand struck his 23rd goal in 26 appearances for Newcastle Preying on a dreadful error by Russian goalkeeper, Dmitri Kharine, a Londoner had thus saved the game and spared Newcastle becoming only the second FA Carling Premiership side to go out of the Cup on the weekend of the third-round ties.

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It had come out of the blue. Time was running against Newcastle, the crowd - 6,000 short of a full house, such are the prohibitive prices at Stamford Bridge so soon after Christmas - had stopped singing their Flying the Blue Flag song and, under Newcastie's late, high-ball onslaught, had maintained a shrill, pleading whistling. Yet the one whistle that counted, that of the referee, was silent as, in the third minute added on for time-wasting and injuries, Perdinand saved the game.

Such cruel return for Chelsea. In the first half, in particular, with Wise buzzing around the midfield, floating. here and stinging there. Chelsea were vivacious. They are marked and head the goal.

playing with a Continental formation. Newcastle do not really trust it and, having tried it in the first half, Kevin Keegan, their manager, dispensed with it as soon as he could at the interval, pushing Albert, one of three centre backs, into midfield and re-

shaping his forces into 4-4-2. unable to shape the game on the right, where they emphati-cally lack the wing play of the injured Gillespie, a loss that may yet halt their championship flow. Without him, Barton was an isolated figure, trying to be full back, wing back and winger without as-sistance down the flank. Wise was looking for the space around Barton, looking for Phelan, the Chelsea left back.

Significantly, almost predictably, it was a move that flowed from Wise to Phelan and then to Hughes that prised open Newcastle's defence. Wise had hared Barton infield, invited his tackle and then skipped impishly away. releasing the ball judiciously down the flank for Phelan as he did so. Phelan, when fit, has the speed of a whippet and, for once, his accuracy with the cross was sweet. Nevertheless, Hughes, so fresh and alert after benefiting from a two-match suspension while others laboured through the Christmas programme, had much work to do. He jogged forward two yards. stopped, moved backwards by the same distance and thus

eluded Albert, making enough

time and room for himself to

rise unmolested and un-

ciously, had even tried to mix it physically in the battle of the bantams with Wise, but, just before half-time, better suited to using his craft than wasting his energy, he produced a first-time pass towards Albert, The tall, guardsman-like Belgian needed one touch to bring

ball with awesome power. It beat Kharine comprehensively, but rebounded mockingly off the goalkeeper's right-hand

Chelsea, as they had after dominating the first half against Liverpool a week ago, then allowed the opposition to come back at them. There is a streak of ultra-defensiveness, of stubbornness, about Chel-



of only one deleat in ten matches includes five draws. They do not finish off sides and Hughes, for all his energy

ball, was twice guilty of spurn-ing chances. First, off balance to a splendid through-ball from the eye-catching Duberry, he shot into the sidenetting. Then, from an almost equal position, Hughes greedily tried to score, ignoring the positioning of Phelan, and again missed the target.

and all his movement off the

By now, Newcastle's discomfort was registered in the referee's handwriting - Bar-ton, Howey, Lee and Elliott were all justifiably booked for fouls, two of them in the efforts to subdue Wise - yet, as Chelsea seemed intent on absorbing the pressure, the tension mounted.

Nobody, however, anticipated the denouement. It came after 93 minutes on the clock. Kharine, ineptly, hit a goal kick flat and straight to the head of Albert.

As soon as I saw the ball hit Phillipe's head, I turned and started running for goal." Ferdinand said. "You never stop chasing a game, never stop plugging away until the end, and when I saw the goalkeeper come, then stop, I saw my chance." A flicker of Ferdinand's left boot and the ball was rolled between the legs of the hapless keeper.

Afterwards, Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, was in the referee's room, asking he says calmly - whether the official's watch had stopped. Keegan was breathing relief. "My team lacked passion in the first half," he admitted. "I always got to have this in the Cup, you've got to have it in the league, you've got to have it in life."

But he knew that this had been a great escape, just as Hoddle — now back in his own dressing-room trying "to pick up these boys, they are destroyed" - knew that the glory has possibly passed. In their last match, at Queens

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Park Rangers, who now await the winner of the replay. Chelsea had won in the last seconds on the watch.

Now they were denied and for those who pointed in the dressing room to Kharine's error, Hoddle countered: "In the last seven games, we've made mistakes in front of the opponents' goal. Today, we made at least two mistakes there, a professional

should know when he has

erred." Indeed, and Hughes, lamenting the added time. should examine how the exaggerated way he lay down. allowed himself to be carried off on a stretcher and then immped up to rejoin the play, may have invited the unwel-

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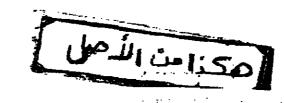
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Scrum for possession enhances rugby's appearance

crucially. Leicester's one-point

age Clubs Championship race is not yet over for the season.

come a year too early for

English and Scottish teams.

then it is a year too late for

Alastair Hignell, the ITV an-

If the Heineken Cup has

victory ensured that the Cour-

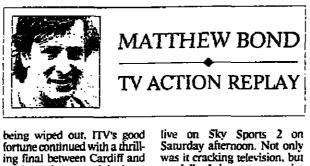
ing the rugby union five nations' championship from 1998 is circulating broadcasting's corridors of power and already the signs are that the BBC will not be dancing in the streets of Shepherds Bush.

Favourite to land it is Sky Sports, but the satellite channel could yet be dispossessed - either by a late tackle from the Prime Minister or by a counter-offer from a re-vitalised ITV Sport, still basking in the success of acquiring both Formula One grand prix motor racing and the FA Cup

the pretenders to the five entire domestic programme

gest games of the season at the weekend and while it would be foolish to say that either channel's coverage held any clues to greater ambitions, they both confirmed one encouraging thing: that club rugby, if only at the top level, is capable of providing very

good television indeed.
Yesterday, ITV Sport brought us the first Heineken Cup final, the European tournament that seems to be over almost before, at least in television terms, it has begun. Having ridden its meteorological luck last weekend with live coverage of the semifinals, that coincided with the



being wiped out, ITV's good fortune continued with a thrilling final between Cardiff and Toulouse that went right down to the last penalty kick.

These days a year is a long time in rugby union but if next year's final does not include either Bath or Leicester then the semi-finals surely will. This year, however, the two

chorman who had such an unhappy time of it during the World Cup in South Africa. Back in June. I wrote that

what Hignell lacked as a presenter was the "familiarity factor", a quality that comes only with match practice. This championship has been the ideal match practice and Hignell already looks a much happier man. It was not his fault that the ITV cameras occasionally had trouble keeping up with the ball or that the director seemed to have a strange aversion to positioning a camera behind the posts for penalty kicks.

On Sky, Stuart Barnes also had problems with presenta-

channel's response has been to bring in the experienced David Bobin as anchor, leaving Barnes to do what he does best — talking tactics and dishing out the analytical abuse. Earlier in the season, I thought Bobin looked too smooth by half - more at home in the 19th hole than a rugby club. But he has roughed it up just a tad and now does a first-class job of interviewing studio guests

and bringing Barnes into the sort of pre- and post-match conversations for which only the satellite channel has time. By contrast, ITV has so little

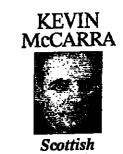
(Peter Wheeler, of Leicester,

and Brian Ashton. of Bath)

it invites studio guest at all. At least for yesterday's final, it resisted the usual temptation of arriving mob-handed with former internationals and fielded only two - Peter Wheeler (again) and Gareth Davies, of Cardiff.

With Hignell asking the questions and John Taylor and Steve Smith in the commentary box, the ITV team looked even longer in the tooth than Cardiff's threequarter line. Given the bold ambitions that the channel, and indeed the rugby authorities, nurse for the tournament, one present international should have been a pre-requisite. Icuan Evans and Will Carling would have been top of my list.

McLeish in danger of running out of sympathy at Fir Park



commentary THE lower end of the Bell's

Scottish League premier division is a shabby neighbour-hood and the football clubs who find themselves there feel dispossessed. Motherwell supporters may have a particular inclination to grumble. For them, it is as if they have been

game. Last season, a sustained stylishness made Motherwell runners-up in the premier division and proud owners of a Uefa Cup place. His more bitter critics will argue that Alex McLeish, if not a reckless gambler, has been prone to misguided speculation that has seen Motherwell's lost

evicted after father lost the family mansion in a poker

prosperity.
Of course, the idea that the club has appointed a calamity as its manager is far-fetched. It was, after all, McLeish, in his first season in the post, who steered Motherwell to that satisfying second place. He did so with the team that he had inherited from Tommy McLean, his predecessor as manager, but nobody can seriously claim that McLeish alone has infected Fir Park

with failure since then. The club has long been prone to ill-health because its location, in a town hit by the decline of the steel industry and far too close to Glasgow, makes it vulnerable. The occasional success is a respite from the struggle. McLean was a formidable manager at Motherwell and brought the club the Scottish Cup in 1991, but even he was not spared the times of dread.

Motherwell, after a 1-0 defeat away to Celtic on Saturday, are in ninth position, but the surroundings should not feel so very strange. In 1992, they finished eighth. Near the beginning of McLean's tenure, when he was just beginning to restore a club that he had taken over in ruined condition, Motherwell should even have been relegated.

In 1986, the premier division was instead expanded to save them. Then, it was whispered that Motherwell, had they gone out of the top flight, would also have gone out of business. Subsequent seasons, though, saw McLean marshall the Fir Park club with extraordinary shrewdness.

THIRD ROUND

Berwick Rangers or Annan Athletic v Dundee United Caledonian Thistle v Sparians or East File, Clyde or Brechin v Dundee, Cydebenk v Stirling Attion, Deveroniale or Keith v Rangers: Dumbarten v Archieonans; Dunlermiline v Stirling Misren, Fakirik v Sternhousernum, Greenock Morton v Montrose, Hamston v St. Johnson, Hart of Michighnen v Pertick Thistle; Höerman v Kämarmock; Motherweit v Abardeen, Reith Rovers v Queents Prissonuch House v Forfar; Write-Hill Welfare or Fraserburgh v Cethe.

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Ties to be played on January 27

McLeish, in his first managerial appointment, must try to duplicate McLean's remarkable exploits. There is, all the same, a limited amount of sympathy available to the present manager. He has, by Motherwell's standards, spent heavily, getting through most of the £1.75 million raised by the sale of Phil O'Donnell to Celtic last season.

None of the newcomers, however, has made a great impact. In fairness, Motherwell have been hampered by serious injuries, but, against Celtic. when the team was only two or three players short of full-strength, the impression of sickness still prevailed. Nor did the third round draw for the Scottish Cup, made in the evening, promise a tonic. Aberdeen will be menacing visitors to Fir Park.

McLeish will have to find a way of implanting conviction in this team, because Motherwell's relegation looks entirely feasible at present and no manager can ever avoid the blame for such failure. Slight consolation lies in the fact that Falkirk, 4-0 losers to Rangers on Saturday, have contrived to

be marginally worse.
Two goals from Ally McCoist at Brockville brought him level with Bob McPhail's Scottish League record of 230 for the Ibrox club. Despite such lofty statistics, though. not even Rangers are spared a brush with gritty reality. They have been drawn away to Keith or Deveronvale in the Scottish Cup. Celtic travel to Fraserburgh or Whitehill

Rodber omitted for visit to France

England launch Sleightholme on wing and a prayer

gambler's throw when they play France in Paris on January 20, the opening day of the championship. Not content with restlessly shifting their back row yet again, they will introduce Jon Sleightholme to the wing after a mere four league games for Bath this

Four times in four matches the back row has changed emphasis: this time Tim Rodber, ever present in England's past 18 matches (even when not selected, he appeared as a replacement against Western Samoa during the World Cup), gives way to Steve Ojomoh, who will win his eleventh cap at blind-side

But the omission of Rodber comes as less of a surprise than the inclusion of Sleightholme, whose debut will come against one of the trickiest and most experienced of players. Philippe Saint-23. Sleightholme has served his apprenticeship with England colts, under-21 and A teams but his inability to hold down a place in Bath's senior side this season graphically illustrates the gamble England have taken.

"We decided to put an outand-out right wing in the No 14 shirt." Jack Rowell, the England manager, said yesterday, echoing a comment he made earlier this season in respect of the No 7 jersey. The search for a specialist openside flanker restored Andy Robinson to the international stage for all of one match and

ACCLAIMING new rugby in-

ternationals might seem rou-

tine to the citizens of Bath.

given the quality of personnel

at their celebrated club, but

the sight of a pyjama-clad

young lady rushing into the

streets of the spa town yester-

day morning, to share with

Jon Sleightholme his call-up

for the England side in Paris,

illustrated the surprising na-

Sleightholme freely con-

cedes that he was as aston-ished as his girlfriend. Judy, at

the news of his selection. "I

haven't come down off the ceiling yet." the wing said.

A team tours and matches,

but, when it comes to the real

thing, nothing can prepare

you for the sheer elation of the

Born in North Malion in

Yorkshire. Sleightholme

joined Bath from Wakefield

after spells with the junior

moment."

"You take part in squads and

ENGLAND will make the one can only hope that Sleightholme lasts longer: even Rowell confessed that James Naylor, the Orrell wing, would have been considered had he been fit and the manager regretted the ab-sence through injury of the experienced duo. Tony Under-

wood and lan Hunter. Sleightholme replaces Damian Hopley, who was himself playing out of position at England's behest. Normally a centre. Hopley received few

TEAM

M J Catt (Bath), J M Steightholme (Bath), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leocester/RAF), P J Grayson (Northampton), M J S Dawson (Northampton), M J S Dawson (Northampton), L G Rowntree (Leocester), M P Reagan (Bistol), J Leonard (Harlequins), S O Ojomoh (Bath), M O Johnson (Leocester), M C Bayfield (Northampton), L B N Dalfaglio (Waspo), B B Clarke (Bath) Replacements: J E B Callard (Bath), P R de Glanville (Bath), K P Bracken (Bistol), R G R Dawe (Bath), V E Ubogu (Bath), T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army)

opportunities during the lacklustre displays against South Africa and Western Samoa two months ago but might have expected longer to bed down in the position. That opportunity will be granted instead to Sleightholme, given that Rowell hopes his chosen XV will go through the championship.

The Yorkshireman, who arrived at Bath in September 1994 after a glittering career with Hull Ionians and Wakefield, was watched by Mike Slemen - who should know wing play if anyone does - at Bath on Saturday, though he

Another player of consequence

rolls off Bath production line

Peter Bills on the

young Yorkshireman

elevated to England's

ranks for Paris

clubs. Grimsby and Hull Ioni-

ans. At 5ft loin and 14st, he

was known as a pacy runner.

but large question marks

loomed over his abilities in

defence, and for much of his

first 12 months at Bath that

weakness was emphasised by

opponents. However, on the England A tour of Australia

last summer, he worked close-

former England and British

Lions left wing, to iron out

have the time and opportunity

to learn." Sleightholme said.

"It's not only what you do on

the training ground and in

those deficiencies.

with Mike Slemen, the

"On a tour like that, you

received little chance to impress in rain-swept defeat against Leicester.

Rodber's doom was sealed even before his premature departure with a twisted knee and ankle during Northampton's victory against Nottingham on Saturday. "If Rodber had been in form we would row," Rowell said, "but regretfully he has been off-key for a while. We have done our best, but his loss of form has continued through several games going back to the World Cup. We have talked to his coach at Northampton, Ian McGeechan, and Tim himself about this. Unfortunately, the corner has not been turned."

In the light of such com-ments Hopley might reason-ably have hoped for the same long-term consideration, but the addition of Ojomoh, while justified on sound league form, does not answer the absence of a focal point among the England forwards. Tony Russ, the Leicester director of rugby, put it into words over the weekend: "There is no one in there [the England pack] who ties the forwards together

and gives them focus," he said. You need a workhorse and, while Dean Richards is so far out of the squad that his return is not to be contemplated. I would have him in my side every time - if England are to play to their strengths." England will go to Paris as champions of Europe from last season but so much water has passed under the bridge since last March that, for the first time in several years, they

you have off the field. I learnt a

lot from 'Slem' on that tour

just by listening to what he

said. I knew I had to work on

the defensive side of my game.

but believe I have now im-

Sleightholme, a teacher of

studies at Culverhays

physical education and gener-

School in Bath, moved to

English's top club for the challenge. At times, the com-

petition for first-team places -

he can play on either wing, but

prefers the right - has been

not yet securing a regular

place with Bath, but his pedi-

gree, for England Under-19

and Under-21. England Stu-dents and England A. marked

him out as a player of conse-

quence. Even the glitziest play-

ers have to prove themselves

at Bath, a fact that

Sleightholme has come to

accept in his struggle for

"It is such a good club to be

with because the standards to

which they aspire elevate ev-

eryone's game," he said. "They

are constantly moving for-

ward, not standing still. This

club won't let you rest on your

laurels as individuals, on or

off the field. They are always

asking questions of you as a

player and as a person. That

Perhaps the French are

suitable first senior interna-

tional opponents for Sleight-

holme, a wing who used

Patrice Lagisquet, the French

flyer, as his role model. "I

played with him for the Bar-

barians at Leicester a few

seasons ago and was hugely impressed," he said. If he

performs his defensive duties

in Paris as well as he can

attack. England may have

found a wing for all seasons.

has helped me to develop."

recognition.

proved considerably.

too much for him.

. 18 Toulouse (aet; 15-15 at 80min) By DAVID HANDS

THE inaugural European club tournament received, almost to the last detail, the final it deserved at the National Stadium, Cardiff, yesterday, If ultimately the game lacked the sustained brilliance that its opening quarter promised, it offered excitement, skill and a deserved French victor, setting a standard for future finals to live up to.

Toulouse have long fought for the European dimension to club rugby in the northern hemisphere and there was, therefore, an element of justice when, in the final minute of extra time. Christophe Devlaud kicked the penalty which won a taut match. Toulouse had threatened to

sweep Cardiff away in the first minutes of a game played. mercifully, in remarkably good conditions. Their speed of thought and ability to break the first line of Welsh defence made it all the more incomprehensible when Devlaud retreated into kicking mode as the match wore on - and not

bow to superior skills very efficient kicking mode at arise in the league where we that. Guy Noves, the Toulouse coach, attributed that to Cardiff's strength at lineout and maul, but for much of the match the French champions overcame the height of Jones and had ample possession with which to attack, ball in

Cazalbou break through a despairing tackle by Lewis to notch the second try for the French champions

hand, which is their traditional game. They chose, instead, to seek field position and Cardiff. solidly efficient. could cope with that. Cardiff had to drag themselves back into the final

through the accuracy of Adri-

Bath falter

an Davies's goalkicking after being rocked back on their heels in the sixth and tenth minutes. First Ougier paved the way for a splendid try by Castaignede, who subsequenth provided the scoring pass for Cazalbou. Both tries featured timing of the pass and overall pace which Cardiff

could not match. "It's a couple of notches up on the Heineken League. Davies said. "It's not the intensity or the tackling but the skill element and the speed element. Not many situations

can't convert pressure into against Toulouse." That, of course, is what British sides seek from Euro-

pean competitions - higher standards. To that end, representatives of clubs from England. Wales, were united in their opinion that Cardiff rivalled the best clubs in France. But more, one suspects, by the rigour of their play — as in football, the difference is the work ethic as against pure skill. Yet there is a valid place for both and Cardiff, favoured by the referee's whistle, demonstrated to a 20,000 crowd that Welsh players can live with the best - in Europe

But for some rushes of blood, notably by Berty when he had opened up the defence. Toulouse might have extended their initial 12-point advantage. Yet Davies nibbled away with two penalties before the interval, when the crowd greeted with glee the replacement of Ring by Jonathan Davies. But the old hero could produce no magic in rugby union's new era. Castaignede rammed over a long dropped goal but Adrian Davies kept his side in touch. As the clock

less than 20 metres from their own posts, Cardiff offended at a ruck. At that range Deylaud. the silver trophy gleaming in his eyes, could not miss. SCORERS: Cardiff: Penalty goals: A Daves (6) Toulouse: Tres: Castannade

ran down Hall nearly did

more. For the first time he

found space, chipped over

Ougier and came desperately

close to a try. Instead, Cardiff

settled for a penalty and, with

the final kick of proper time

from 43 metres, Adrian Da-

But Toulouse dominated ex-

tra time. Deylaud kicked a

simple penalty in the first

period. Davies responded

and, for the third time in the

match, the Cardiff forwards

made the running only for the advantage to be lost in mid-

field. Castel carried Toulouse

back to the danger zone and,

vies levelled the scores.

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Cup's future spills over with promise

Rugby is often a para-doc emotionally com-bustible and aggresssive yet predominantly retaining a sense of camaraderie, sportsmanship, and acceptance of the referee's judgment. We saw both faces in the first Heineken Cup final yesterday. There were times when the

match between Cardiff and Toulouse threatened to become another Guy Fawkes event, the instinctive temperamental reaction of both sides. especially the French, suggesting imminent maynem. It is by no means pessimistic to forecast that in the event of club rugby becoming truly international there will be European Cup ties that require not one, but three referces. It cannot be otherwise, given the physical nature of the game, and once the money, prestige, and expectation become too extreme for players natural self-control.

Yet at the finish yesterday. there were the adversaries erchanging congratulations and condolences in a manner seldom seen at the climax of professional football. Long may rugby retain (his.



DAVID MILLER

At the National Stadium

peoples, in style, skill, and character, that gives international competition it's appeal. as well as base nationalism. For this reason, this competition is bound to prosper. Bath v Perpignan cannot fail to carry more appeal than Bath v Wasps

There is no cause to say that the birth of the European Cup is any less auspicious than that in football 40 years ago. There is no conspicuous difference from when Real Madrid defeated Rheims 4-3 in Paris in 1956. The crowd was 38,000, compared with 22,000 yesterday ... and the English were absentees from the competition, thanks to such Football League luminaries as its president. Joe Richards, a Barnsley coal merchant, who thought the cup unimportant

and a distraction from domestic priorities. Joe Mears, the mild-mannered Chelsea chairman, ac-

cepted exclusion, but not the next season. Matt Busby and Manchester United. English and Scottish clubs are scheduled to join rugby's innovation next season. It is likely to be little time before Italians. Romanians, Russians, and others to seek to join them.

Football's European Cup. of course, was the pinnacle of a far broader base of professional leagues — though it sprang from the same narrowmindedness that allows English rugby to suppose it is almost the best in the world. When Wolverhampton Wanderers beat Honved in a floodlit match in 1954, the Daily Express proclaimed: "World Champions". L'Equipe. the French sports paper, thought they should

show the English the truth. For better or worse, professionalism in rugby will concentrate the best players among a minority of clubs, so the quality of the new cup should provide some spectaeular entertainment, without necessarily being either as exceptional as Real Madrid against Eintracht Frankfurt or as dull as Nottingham Forest against Hamburg. The final yesterday ulti-

mately produced the right conclusion. In the first 15 minutes, the champions of Wales were no match for the imaginative back play of the champions of France. The intervention of Ougier, the Toulouse full back, in the creation of the first try was perhaps the highlight of the afternoon, though Castaignède's sprint to produce the second try was barely less

At this point it seemed that ponderous Welsh tackling was likely to see the result out of range by half-time, but Adrian Davies's five penalties forced extra time, Castaignède having increased Toulouse's total with a casual, almost perfectly dropped goal from more than 45 vards.

It seemed Cardiff's robust pack would now win the day. but justice was done when Deylaud's penalty in the last minute proved decisive.

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MANY if and buts remain, MANY if and buts remain, with 15 third-round replays to be staged, but the FA Cup fourth round draw produced an appropriate reward for Les Ferdinand, the goalscoring saviour of Newcastle United yesterday. If Newcastle overcome Chelsea at the second attempt, they will travel to Queens Park Rangers, where Ferdinand spent nine seasons. Newcastle, the FA Carling Premiership leaders, owe their

continued involvement in the

competition to rather more

luck than judgment and also

the sharp-finishing prowess of the England forward, who

moved to St James' Park for £6

million in June last year. Trailing I-O at Stamford Bridge, and with the game deep into time added on for stoppages, he scored his 23rd goal of the season to force a

Though relieved at receiving another chance, Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, was none too enamoured about the possibility of a return to the capital. His side also play Arsenal in the Coca-

Cola Cup quarter finals at Highbury on Wednesday. "I think we'll have to set up a base in London," he said. With a minute to go against Chelsea, the fourth round seemed a long way away for us. It looked as if our only way



Full draw Generous Ferguson Gallant Hereford Rush's record ...

of getting to Wembley would be in the Coca-Cola Cup." A Newcastle trip to Loftus Road, or the short hop for Chelsea, could be one of five all-Premiership ties. Bolton Wanderers take on Leeds Uni-

Park only 12 days ago, while Arsenal — a win over Sheffield United pending — would host Aston Villa in north London.

If Manchester City overcome Leicester City, they will meet Coventry City at Highfield Road, and if Wimbledon dispose of Watford, they will head north to meet Middlesbrough.

Neither match provides particularly mouth-watering prospects and yet, with only one representative from the Endsleigh Insurance League third division and none from the non-League bretheren in the last-32 draw, many of the traditional oohs and aahs

ted, with Leeds having won a league fixture 2-0 at Burnden were missing when the balls were plucked from the bag by Nat Lofthouse and Tom Finney at Lancaster Gate

> Liverpool were swiftly installed as 4-1 favourites to win the Cup - with Newcastle and Tottenham Hotspur joint second-favourites at 6-1 - after they were paired with either Fulham, flag-bearers for the third division, or Shrewsbury Town. It should be another opportunity for Ian Rush to add to his tally of Cup goals. His solitary strike against Rochdale created a new modern-day record of 42, surpass-

ing the previous total set by Denis Law. "I'd like to get to 50 now and reach a level that

REPLAY DATES

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no one will overtake." Rush said. "What with getting the MBE in the New Year Honours list, it has been a tremendous week for me."

In a third round relatively devoid of any cataclysmic

upset, though Hereford United's 1-1 draw with Tottenafter escaping with a 2-2 draw ham qualified as the best nearagainst Sunderland at Old miss. Charlton Athletic and Trafford. The winners from Brentford took most of the their next tussle, at Roker plaudits. Charlton beat Shef-Park, will play Reading. field Wednesday 2-0 - giving Wednesday the dubious privi-

Everton, the holders, still have to bypass Stockport County before entertaining ideas of playing Crystal Palace or Port Vale. Joe Royle, the Everton manager, was so dismayed at the 2-2 draw with Stockport yesterday that he refused to contemplate any-thing further than the replay at Edgelcy Park. However, he should not be too downhearted. Everton outrageously survived a one-sided tie at Bristol City last season and went on to

Leeds strike twice in injury time as underdogs suffer rough justice

Fates frown on Derby in cruellest of defeats

THE FA Cup is littered with hard luck stories, but few can rival Derby County's yesterday. Reduced to ten men after half an hour, they briefly led by two goals and, although that advantage was quickly swept way, they were hanging on for a deserved draw until Leeds United scored twice

deep into injury time. "It was very unkind that we didn't get a draw," Jim Smith the Derby manager, said af-terwards, Unkind is an understatement. By the half-hour, his team had lost two of their three centre halves, Stimac limping away shortly before Rowett was sent off.

By the time that Leeds at last edged in front, in the 92nd minute, Yates, one of the outstanding figures in Derby's resistance, had been reduced to a limping passenger. To lose so cruelly was far less

than they deserved. With their terrible record in the competition, Leeds, however, were willing to accept the victory any way it came. They have gone past the fourth round only three times in the past 20 years and, for a time vesterday, their inept, sometimes sullen display suggested that they were unlikely to improve that record this year. Leeds revealed their hand before the game, leaving out Tomas Brolin, their £4.5 million signing from Parma. Instead of Swedish skill, Howard Wilkinson, their manager, decided to play a

team of battlers. 'I think I was proved right by the sort of match it was,"

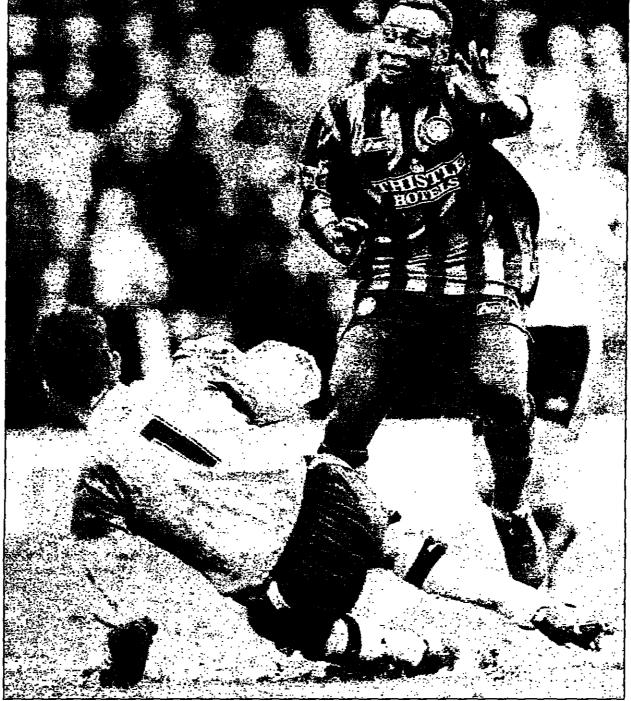
tions, at that tempo and in that heated atmosphere, I picked a team to win a football

Games between Derby and Leeds went bad in the early Seventies when Brian Clough and Don Revie traded insults and their teams and supporters traded kicks and punches. At that time, Smith and Wilkinson were working together at Boston United and their friendship endures, but the hostility between the clubs also remains and there was a brooding, hostile atmosphere hanging over the Baseball Ground yesterday.

Whether that made Wilkinson right is a most point. Leeds had offered nothing to reveal that they were a side from the FA Carling Premiership until after half-time; by then, Stimac had limped away after a clash with Deane and Rowett had been sent off, perhaps unjustly, for pulling down the same player.

Yet Derby made light of such handicaps as they reorganised. Van der Laan moved back to play resolutely alongside Yates and Kavanagh in central midtield. Flynn moved to right back, and, as they continued to take the game to Leeds, Derby scored twice in a minute early in the second

Gabbiadini, who kept all three Leeds centre backs occupied with his aggression and eager running, pounced as Trollope's shot deflected to him after a free kick. That goal was back luck for Leeds, but the next was a disaster as Palmer shepherded the ball back to Beeney, allowing Simpson to get a foot in and prod it past the goalkeeper. "Palmer should have put it



Yeboah evades a challenge from Hoult, the Derby goalkeeper, as he seals victory for Leeds at the Baseball Ground

into the stand," Wilkinson

"I thought when we went two up that we'd be safe for a replay," Smith responded ruefully. However, before the hour, Leeds in their turn had scored two in a minute. They had sent on Wallace to exploit their numerical advantage after falling behind, but the

equalising strikes came from the other flank. First, Dorigo's shot deflected to McAllister, who laid it back for Speed to bring his side back into contention. Then, they were level as Yeboah touched Dorigo's cross to Deane, who scored

from three yards. With half an hour remaining, Leeds looked odds-on

winners, but the best chance as time began to run out fell to Derby. It was missed and, as Yates went off for treatment and returned limping and the clock ran out, Derby at last succumbed, Hoult's misjudgment allowing McAllister to put his side ahead and then Yeboah rubbing salt in the wounds with his final goal

A fter heavy overnight rain, the pitch looked just right for FA Cup

giant-killing. It was 8.45 on Saturday morning as 1 stood

on the terraces at Stonebridge

Road and imagined Aston

Villa here. They would not fancy this, would they? Gravesend and Northfleet.

though, had surrendered

home advantage, which

meant that, as well as length-

ening the odds of an upset,

residents of Gravesham bor-

ough, of which I am one, had

to be out of bed early. Instead

of a walk to watch our local

team in the third round, for

the first time since 1963, we

had to give up an entire day.

The coaches left at 9am.

There were 55 of them and I

was in No 14. I sat next to

Mike, a Charlton Athletic

supporter who had lived in

Gravesend all his 48 years. He

had been there in 1963 when

na in the African nations' cup. How will Leeds manage without him in the fourth round? DERBY COUNTY (3-4-3): R Hout: — D Yales, I Stimac (sub: P Trollope, 26mm), G Rowet: — J Kavanagh, R van der Laan, S Ryrn, S Nicholson — P Simpson, R Williams M Gathwarten

ryini, 5 Nichiason — F Simpson, H Willems, M Galbriadin, LEEDS UNITED (5-1-4-2): M Beeney — C Palmer, D Weitherall (sub P Wallace, 54), R Jobson — M Ford — G Kelly, G McAllaster, G Speed. A Dongo — A Yeboah, B Deane, Referen: P Jones.

Holders survive Stockport's shock treatment

Stockport County...

By David Maddock

lege of being the only Premier-ship side to disappear thus far

- while Brentford won 2-1 at

'I'm just picased we've been

Norwich City. The victors now

drawn at home and we'll have

another self-out crowd at The Valley," Alan Curbishley, the

Charlton manager, said. "We're playing well at the moment but there'll be no

complacency."

Manchester United

IN THESE days of high-finance football, it is not often that genuine upsets occur, but Stockport County, of the Endsleigh Insurance League second division, prefer romantic tradition to hard-nosed reality and yesterday they ensured that Everton, for all their big-money, big-time sta-tus, began their defence of the FA Cup in an unseemly scramble. The FA Carling Premiership club was genuinely relieved, at the end of a wonderful tie, to be heading

for a replay in ten days' time. There have been few shocks in the third round this year, the electricity the FA Cup usually generates unplugged by the ever-growing gulf at the top of the sport. Stockport though, deserved theirs. They played intelligent, aggressive, accomplished football, a heady mix that took them to

within inches of victory. Twice they came from behind to suggest a historic result. Minutes from the end of the game, they almost did just that, Beaumont delivering a shot that removed paint from the far post on its route

wide of the goal.

The relief of the home supporters was palpable, echoing around Goodison Park in a series of long sighs, matched only by their boos as the final whistle was reached, a reflection on the perfor-

mance of the Cup-holders. Joe Royle, the Everton manager, was forthright in his assessment of his team's display. "I'm probably the happiest man in the stadium because we're still in the competition," he said. were awful and we were

hanging on at the end." Stockport began brightly, only to be undone in the seventh minute by rank bad defending. Southall's punt was harmless enough, but Todd, the Stockport full back, performed something resembling the fandango as he failed allowing Stuart to dispatch a crisp shot into the net.

Everton's second, on the stroke of half-time, was equally hilarious, or tragic, depending on your viewpoint.
Edwards, the Stockport goalkeeper, palmed an up-andunder to Ablett, who was as surprised as anyone to be offered the chance to convert from close range. He accepted.

Stockport could have been excused a bout of moping after such misadventure. Instead, on both occasions, they rolled up their sleeves and found an equaliser. The first was via the classic lower division route one, Armstrong sharply responding after a long, deep ball had allowed the towering Helliwell to cause confusion.

The second was simply classic. It came in the olst minute as Everton seemed to let their minds drift towards the next round. Beaumont was released down the right, his cross was perfect and Helliwell defied his appearance — a dogged, old-fash-ioned centre forward — to score deftly with a header from a horizontal position.

it was deserved, as would have been a winner, which threatened as Armstrong, Beaumont and Armstrong again all came close as the game moved to its climax. It was a performance that brought delight to David Jones, the Stockport manager and a former Everton player.

"I said that for us to have any chance we had to play to the best of our ability." he said We did. In my six years at this club, that is the best display I have seen from my side. It is an emotional moment for me now, to have come to what I still see as home and see my side produce a result like that."

> Everton take note. Money cannot buy everything. A Grant, 66mm) — P Rideoul, G Shuat STOCKPORT COUNTY (44-2) N Ed-wards — S Cornelly, M Flynn, M Bound, I, Todd — C Beaumon (sub; M Chall, 78), J Echradt, T Berner (sub; T Drwng, 89), J Jetters — I Heltwell, A Amstrong.

Portsmouth prove plain sailing for Southampton

Southampton Portsmouth

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

THE FA Cup is a great leveller, it is said, and local derbies are even more so: which makes it especially galling for Portsmouth that they rarely threatened to make a game of the Cup tie at The Dell yesterday.
Those looking for evidence

of a growing gulf between the FA Carling Premiership and the Endsleigh Insurance League would have found plenty of material here. Not that Southampton should get too carried away; their victory against a team who looked exactly what they are -- seventeenth in the first division should have been more

emphatic. "Local derbies are never dassics," Dave Merrington, the Southampton manager, said afterwards, "and there's so much pressure from the rivalry between the fans. because they don't play each other that often. It's important to get your nose in front and stay in front."

The home side did just that, pressing forward from the kick-off — Le Tissier firing an early rangefinder just over from 25 yards — and taking the lead in the twelfth minute when Watson beat Stimson on the byline and crossed to Heaney. His dose-range header was scrambled out, but only to Magilton, who found

iant attempt to save. Le Tissier was looking as keen as his round-shouldered shamble ever allows, and it took a clusmy foul from Butters to

stop him on the edge of the penalty area a minute later. Portsmouth looked danger ous only when Walsh had the ball at his feet, but too often he received it at head height. Southampton, by contrast, caused problems whenever they got into wide positions.

Shipperley headed Charlton's cross against the foot of a post, then Le Tissier had a good chance made by Heaney's header from Shipperley's cross five minutes before half-time, but he took too long to size it up and sidefooted past a post. A minute into the second

half, Portsmouth gave Le Tissier the freedom of the right wing and he exploited it fully. running half the length of the



making a yard of space and hitting a left-foot shot that Knight could push only into the path of Magilton, who scored with ease.

The same player could have a hat-trick, after Shipperley's through-ball, but he allowed Knight to save while deciding whether to pass to the unmarked Watson. Now, Southampton were conceding possession and defending in numbers, confident that Portsmouth could not hurt them, and hitting back on the

> Simpson might have reduced arrears after Hall robbed a dreaming Beasant, but Venison blocked bravely. and a failure to get the ball to Walsh on the ground meant that chances for the visitors were few.

Ten minutes from full-time, Le Tissier beat a defender and squared the ball past Knight for Shipperley to side-foot home from close range. Monkou's careless back-pass gave Carter an apparently unmissable chance, but his drive rebounded across goal off the foot of the post. It would not have been much consolation; Southampton were coasting, saving their energies for sterner battles to come.

PORTSMOUTH (3-5-2) A Knight — . Giners, G Butters, M Stirrson — R Pethick .

Green on the wrong wavelength

IT WAS the mother of all announcements, the message from hell for Alan Green at at the Baseball Ground yesterday (Russell Kempson writest, Green, senior football commentator for Radio 5 Live, was merrily informing his listeners of the progress of Derby County against Leeds United, in his usual enthusiastic tones, when the public address system halted him mid-flow. An appeal was made for the owner of a car to attend to it immediately. "That's my car, that's mine," Green told his audience. A 30second debate followed before Green, abandoning his headset and microphone to a colleague, set off to tend to

Leeds' two late goals.

the offending vehicle.
It had developed a strange Gravesend drew I-1 with Sunscreeching noise on his way derland in the fourth round in back from covering the FA front of 12,032 spectators. Cup third-round tie between Mike remembered Brian Hereford United and Tot-Skingley miscuing from five tenham Hotspur on Saturyards out in the dying minday and, apparently, was utes, giving the Sunderland still whining in the Baseball goalkeeper an easy save. The Ground car park when Green left it. Although he most famous FA Cup miss was Gordon Smith's for Brighton in the 1983 final, denying his had warned an attendant of its bizarre behaviour, the team a victory over Manchester United. "Skingley's panic button was pressed. "I assumed something was in that league of opportu-nity," Mike said. Gravesend else had gone wrong." Green said. "When I got

lost the replay 5-2. back to it, I said to the For Mike, this day brought attendant 'But I told you back memories of the Sunderabout that. " After a fiveland game, which was why he minute break, he returned to was on the coach to Villa Park and not heading for Chariton's his scat and resumed nortie with Shelfield Wednesday. mal service, describing In the Sixties, Gravesend were a prominent non-league club,

No place like home for 'Fleet

David Powell joins 6,000 Gravesend

and Northfleet supporters on their

big FA Cup day trip to Villa Park

bottom of the Beazer Homes premier division. A prediction from Mike? Eight to ten-nil, he thought. Six-nil. i said. At our first stop, I spoke to

Kevin, who was counting heads off and on the coach. Kevin had got the job because he was a 'Fleet regular and, since the coaches were being run by the supporters' association, he was the obvious choice. Apart from a friend, he recognised nobody, but did not resent people who had never seen the team before gatecrashing the big day. Kevin was pleased at the

decision to play away. "I want to see Villa Park," he said. Surely, though, the team had no chance away from Stonebridge Road? "No, but as long as we score," he said. "Six-one would be a reason-

but now they are near the able result." The decision was justified, he said, by the fact that 6,000 supporters were travelling, eight times the usual home following.

We arrived just before lpm

for a three o'clock kick-off, one

of our number remarking as we went past the impressive frontage to the Holte End that it had more steps leading up to it than there were terraces at Stonebridge Road. I would not recommend such an early arrival for visiting supporters. There are no lunch establishments in the vicinity, so you may as well go directly into the ground. I had a ticket for block R, where Villa have devised a way for early arrivals to kill time. They can queue for ages at the inadequate, solitary catering outlet be-tween the North Stand and the

Doug Ellis Stand.

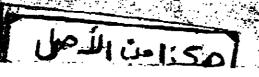
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before finding your seat is the betting shop. I backed Villa to win 6-0 (8-1), but could not resist El on David Powell of Gravesend to score the first goal (33-1). The bookmaker, of course, knew better. The shortest final score odds of 7-1 were for a 3-0 Villa victory.

which is what happened. The 'Fleet supporters had always known that they would lose, which was why nothing could spoil their day. Their corner was a sea of red and white balloons, flags, hats and scarves. Conceding a goal after two minutes was just an excuse to sing louder.

The team played better than any of us had expected, and who among us will forget Micky Cotter neatly sidestepping two defenders only for Bosnich to make a brilliant save? We shall remember, too, Villa's generosity of spirit. The spon-sors announced Gravesend's Peter Mortley as man of the match; and the tannoy played our song, Here Come The 'Fleet, though few of us knew of its existence until now.

Back on the coach, we heard Radio 5 Live's interview with Chris Weller, the Gravesend manager. He was choked with emotion, but he did manage to say that he hoped everybody would be back next week. "You wouldn't lit us all in." shouted a wag. Who were they playing next week. I wondered? Back at Stonebridge Road, I looked at the "Next Home Match" board, but it was blank. No bad thing. On a day like today, reality was



David Miller delights in the

honest endeavours that earned

a 1-1 draw and replay windfall

o much of the history of the FA Cup is concerned with proving that your high-flying rivals are not as lofty as they might like to think they are. Once again, little Hereford United marvellously achieved this. They did not quite make sophisticated Tottenham Hotspur grovel, but how they forced them to scramble on a grey winter afternoon redolent of the Cup tradition of David against

Goliath. The satisfaction of Hereford's performance, with a team in which Dean Smith, their captain, is the most expensive — a mere £75,000 from Walsall — was that, on a pudding of a pitch and in slanting rain, they outplayed their opponents by intelligence and application, and not with

and rush. Though is doubtful if many should be a

salutary lesers worth millions, and being paid many thousands a week, to experience the rough and tumble of rural football: the

real world, where players are happy to earn £300 a week, where the voices of the all-star marching band have not yet broken, and where the proudest exhibit before kickoff is Freetown Kudos, the champion local one-ton bull. It was a name apposite for the Twenty-four years ago, the hero of victory over Newcastle

United had been Ronnie Radford Now, it was John Brough, an itinerant central defender who is 23 today and who arrived at Edgar Street on a free transfer from Telford United via Notts County, where he never made the first team, and Shrewsbury Town. Just after the hour, Brough climbed above Tottenham's defenders to meet Downing's corner and head the equalising goal that takes Hereford to White Hart Lane for a cash-

By staying true to their

regular followers -- all 3,000 of them - in the Endsleigh Insurance League third divi-sion, and resisting the temptation to switch the match and make sure of the money Hereford thus earned both renewed glory and financial reward.

Brough, big and eager, had been injured early in the season. For three months, he could be seen at the local swimming baths, resolutely ploughing through the water to repair a back injury. Six matches ago, he returned.
I've had harder games in the third division," he said, when surrounded by the unusual ring of clamouring microphones and interviewers. Here was a player agreeably free of material ambition. happy with his life and look-

ing forward to a pint at the local. Since Brough's reweeks ago, Graham Turner, the Hereford

manager who carries the grand title of director of foot-ball, has been employing a Liverpool-style formation: three central defenders and five in midfield behind two strikers, achieved by the full backs pushing forward. There were no special plans in preparation for dealing with Tottenham, but manager and team discussed responsibilities; Lyne was told that he mark Armstrong. would Brough that he would be required to handle

Sheringham. The prospect did not unnerve him, and his performance was commendable. Sheringham made little impact as Hereford's three defenders held their ground. Smith picking up Sheringham or Armstrong whenever they crossed flanks. Tottenham, gratified still to be in the correpetition, could not go home complaining that it was the pitch that had denied

Early on, sure enough, it had seemed that Tottenham's



Brough, the Hereford United defender, celebrates the header that secured a draw against Tottenham Hotspur. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

touch on the ball was going to give them an edge. After ten minutes, Rosenthal went close with a speculative drive from 25 yards after a long run by Fox on the right; five minutes later. Armstrong missed the chance to put Tottenham in front. The crowd laughed gleefully when Armstrong's shot flew wildly towards the roof of the stand, although the ball had caught a divot as he shot. Nonetheless, Tottenham

took the lead after half an

hour, Rosenthal putting the

ball away after miscued shots by Sheringham and Caskey. and from then until half-time the match died. Hereford seemed to have run out of energy and enterprise.

All was different afterwards. Now, incredibly, it was the nohope outsiders who were in charge. Austin had to head behind, under pressure from a centre by Cross, and, with an hour gone, Hereford were awarded a penalty as Rosenthal brought down Pounder a stride inside the area. Up came Smith to take the kick, previously having almost into Gloucestershire. As Smith turned and ran

back to his own half, Brough called out to him: Don't worry skipper, there'll be another chance." It came, and Brough took it, within two minutes. Could Hereford hold on till the finish?

They did, and more than that. Now level, they were dictating the play, pushing the ball down the flanks for runs

by Evans and Fishlock, with Cross and White, the veterans up front, holding the ball, turning and laying it off as though it were they who were used to playing in the senior division.

After one glorious run by Cross, White hooked a firsttime shot that had Walker beaten but was a foot high. With 20 minutes remaining, there might have been a further penalty when White was blatantly pushed from

dinary save by Mackenzie, low to his left as Sheringham struck the ball from no more than four yards away, protected a precious draw. How well it had been deserved.

Yet Hereford's bravery and

skill might have perished close

to the finish. Only an extraor-

HERIEFORD UNITED (3-5-2)* C Mackenze
— J Brough, D Smith, N Lyne — D Evans, T
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TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2)* I Walker
— D Austin, S Nethercott, G Mebbutt, J
Edinburgh — R Fox (sub* J Dozzelf, 60min),
S Campbell, D Caskey, R Rosenthal — E
Sharnoham, G Amstrong

Gravesend take battle honours from day to remember

Gravesend and N'fleet .. 0 Aston Villa

By WALTER GAMMIE

EVERBODY went home happy from Villa Park on Saturday. Gravesend and Northfleet had done themselves proud, Aston Villa's pride was intact and generations of supporters in both camps had experienced the special joy that the FA Cup can bestow when pitching part-timer against top-flight You would have to be 80 or

more to have a clear recollection of Villa's last non-League opponents, Queens Park Turner: allowed Draper's Rangers in 1920; slightly younshot to slip from his grasp ger as a Gravesend supporter

to recall losing 5-2 to Sunderland, of the second division, after a replay in the fourth round in 1963. What those denied have

missed is one of those days when the occasion matters almost as much as the result. The 6,000 Gravesend supporters, who helped to swell the crowd to 25,021 and to ensure a take-home pay-packet of more than £100,000 for the Kent club, played their part

"It's the first time I've had a standing ovation when we've lost 3-0," Chris Weller, the Gravesend manager, said. knowing that such generosity is unlikely to be repeated should Gravesend lose by the same margin in their next home fixture, against Chelten-

ham Town in the Beazer Homes League premier division at Stonebridge Road next Saturday.

In fact, so determined is Weller to reintroduce his team to their day-to-day footballing selves that he intends to send them out in a reserve match against Maidstone Invicta this week. "I want to bring them back down to earth," he said. Brian Little, the Villa man-

ager, smiled when it was suggested that he can rarely have managed a side that had led 1-0 and been boost off the field at half-time. In fact, the tremor that he confessed had been felt in the unfamiliar confines of the away dressingroom before the match at roaring chorus of anticipation from the Gravesend masses

was swiftly stilled by Mark Draper's second-minute goal. If their crisp start was unravelled by some loose passing, Villa, having repeated their early-strike trick in the second half, left their

manager happy enough that they hadn't taken too much out of themselves" with a fullthrottle confrontation with Wolverhampton Wanderers looming in the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final on Wednesday. It was left to Weller to

express disappointment. The opening goal had followed Gravesend launching the first attack, through a red, black and white minefield of balloons, that saw Cotter, played in by Jackson, tumble in the penalty area. "Penalty, I thought, penalty," Weller said.

The next minute, the vision had disappeared with the sight of Turner, his goalkeeper, clutching at air as he was

beaten by Draper's shot. Villa started the second half with more urgency, stretching for the ball. The reward was swift. Milosevic, bewitching in his fitful way, lashed a left-foot volley past Turner after Townsend scooped up a return pass in the penalty area.

in response, Blewden let fly from 30 yards, forcing Bosnich to fist away, and Cotter wriggled away from Scimeca and Southgate to bring a diving near-post stop from the goalkeeper. Yet, no reward. Milosevic stirred himself again, a juggle and a jink before laving the ball into the path of the speeding Johnson.

who angled his shot away from Turner. The Gravesend substitutes

then had their turn, and, all too soon, the squad was jogging round Villa Park for a heartfelt salute from all corners of their home for the day. The scoreline didn't do us iustice." the emotional Weller

suggested. "Mind you, if you'd offered me 3-0 before the start. I would have settled for it." GRAVESEND AND NORTHFLEET (4-4-2): L Turner — O Welker Isub. M Harrop. 78mn), M Gubbrs. P Mortley, P Lamb — M Munday, I Gibbs. C Blewden J Jackson — M Conter (sub: G Best. 77), D Powell (sub: C Granding. 78)

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Pitch is only winner in drab encounter

Blackbum Rovers

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

BRING together Ipswich Town, the leading goalscorers in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, and Blackburn Rovers, the FA Carling Premiership champions, and a rousing FA Cup third round tie should follow. Add the extra spice of Alan Shearer, domestic marksman extraordinaire, Ipswich's unbeaten eight-match run, Blackburn's dismal away form and a raucous crowd, and a thrilling

contest should ensue. Surely? No way. At Portman Road on Saturday, all such expectation was exposed as no more than fantasy. The hopes of so many in blue and white swirled away on the lingering Suffolk mist that provided an eerie presence for most of the afternoon. Magic of the Cup? Not here.

Cameos still abounded. From Shearer's admirable persistence when nothing was going right, provoking predictable chants of you'll never score for England from the cheap seats, to the combined efforts of Thomsen and Mowbray in blocking his path; from the tireless meanderings of Marshall to the unselfish support work

of Newell. A lot of nice bits but only fancy embroidery that never approached the finished article. Plenty of pession but never harnessed in any

to Ewood Park on January 16, where Rovers will show the more astute side of their character this season and Ipswich will fight the good fight before bowing out gracefully. Saturday held their best chance; they knew it and they blew it.

Both managers blamed the surface, a moonscape of greasy turf and strewn divots. They were not lame excuses; it was a pig of a pitch that defied any smooth passage. "It's really cut up," George Burley, of lpswich, said. "We had a lot of frost a few weeks back and the top soil seems to be lifting." Ray Harford, of Blackburn, agreed. "It was really

lumpy," he said. Quite pathetic, considering the not inconsiderable wages paid to many of the performers. They should be able to display their virtues on a rubbish tip. Yet the fact that, by the end, the grass ended up looking like a motocross circuit just

about let them off the hook. Most of the half-chances fell to Ipswich, Flowers doing well to tip over a toe-poked lob from Milton. while Kenna forced an acrobatic save from Forrest on a sporadic Rovers' sortie. Pick most of the other 3) third-round ties, though, and the

31 third-found fles, though, and the fare cannot have proved so disappointing. Rogue pitch or not.

IPSWCH TOWN [4-4-2]. C Fornes — F Yallop (sub: G Unierbeck, 78min). A Moubrey, C Thorneon, M Indicavell, G Willems, S Seculey, S Meton — A Metho, I Marshall BLACKELIRN ROVERS (4-4-2): I Flowers — H Berg, C Hendy, C Coleman, J Kerne — S Ripley, T Stensood, W McKinley, K Gallacher — M Newell, A Shepres.

Skilful Woking pass test of their potential

BY IVO TENNANT

TO SWINDON Town the spoils. to Woking the plaudits. One club is through to the fourth round of the FA Cup, and rightly so. The other is performing with sufficient mas-tery of the ball to make an indelible impression when, rather than if, it is promoted to the Endsleigh Insurance League.

According to Geoff Chapple, the Woking manager for the past 11 years, the margin of victory on Saturday was not so much two goals as two facets of the game that are not always found in part-timers: fitness and speed of thought. Third in the Vauxhall Conference, what they have achieved already is an ability to pass the ball to feet rather than hoof it forward. They prefer a flexible rather than a regimented approach. They do not have inquests on the team bus. Instead, they eat fish and chips and contemplate what they have to do

forms of escapism. Woking possessed one of the two most skilful players on the pitch, but then he did make his name for Chelsea. Clive Walker is 38 now but still looking to strike the kind of spectacular goal that used to

when they return to work the next

day. Football and the FA Cup are

elements alike at Stamford Bridge. He would have had another at the County Ground but for an excel-

lent save by Digby when Swindon were only one goal to the good. Walker, hald but less full of face than a decade ago, has committed himself to Woking for at least one more year. He engenders the same kind of respect as Steve McMahon does from those Swindon players who recall his exploits for Liverpool. The player-manager is not et 35, which would suggest that Liverpool allowed him to leave when he still had plenty of puff left in him. Here, he appeared fit, combative as ever, and as skilled

as Walker. Swindon's first goal, scored by Allison, came about through poor marking. The other resulted from the kind of cross-cum-shot that so often fools the goalkeeper. Only the scorer himself, on this occasion Bodin, the full back, knows precisely what he intended.

For 20 minutes in between these goals. Chapple was "chuffed to bits" with his team's football. They are still some way from becoming a club of full-time professionals, but their demeanour and footballing beliefs are to be cherished.

SWINDON TOWN (3-5-2)* F Digby — M Seagraves, S Taylor (sub. S McMahon, 36min), I Culvernouse — P Allen, M Robinson, M Ling, K Horlock, P Bodin — P There (sub: S Finney, 80), K Alison WORKING (3-4-3), L Bathy — M Tucker C Fielder, K Brown — J Crumplin, S Thompson, A Elis, L Wye — S Steele O Hay, C Walker.

Rangers thrive on old head and young legs

Tranmere Rovers0 Queens Park Rangers2

BY PETER BALL

BEFORE the game at Prenton Park on Saturday, there was some debate about whether a shock result would mean victory for Tranmere Rovers or for Queens Park Rangers. In the event. Rangers won, and there was no sense of shock about it. The gap in class between a struggling Pre-miership side and one mid-table in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division was clear.

Not that it was easy, but it was a notable win for a side on a poor run and down on its luck. "I thought this was going to be a difficult game for us, because the lads played so well against Chelsea last Tuesday and lost in the last minute, so you never know how they are going to re-spond," Ray Wilkins, the Rangers player-manager, said. With Wilkins and McDonald

giving the lead, Rangers responded admirably, making a mockery of their ill-fortune, which continued up to the game as Barker and Holloway went down with flu. leaving Wilkins, 39, to partner Quashie, 17. in central midfield, "I thought I couldn't have two young players together there, so I had to play," Wilkins said. "but I love playing football. The day I have to pack up because I can't get around a football field any more will kill me."

He need not worry just yet. The

did rather better than that, the composure with which he scored the opening goal in only his third game, and first FA Cup tie, suggesting rich promise. In conditions in which a team short of confidence could have buckled, Brazier and Challis. Quashie's young colleagues, also

emerged with flying colours. In the first half, with the fierce wind at their backs holding up the ball disconcertingly, Rangers had some uncomfortable moments, Yates, in particular, suffering a torrid 45 minutes against Moore. Sommer lost a back-pass and watched in horror as Moore's effort passed across goal, Yates miskicked a low cross just over his own bar. McGreal's pass was held up by the

However, with McDonald having an outstanding game, getting head or foot to everything as the siege mounted, and all the while keeping Aldridge out of the danger zone. Rangers held on. The quality of Quashie's finish ten minutes into the second half tilted the tie their way. Four minutes later, Sindair pounced on Maddix's knock-back from Wilkins's corner, and that was

Tranmierie Rovers (4.4-2): D Coyne — A Thomas, J McGrea! S Gamett. A Rogers — J Morrissey, G Braman, G Jones (sub. L O'Bnen, 70min), P Nevar — J Admige, I Moore, OUEENS PARIK RANGERS (4.4-2): J Sommer — P Roady (sub. G Goodhidge, 68): S Yates (sub. O Maditor, 43): A McDonato, T Chelle, — A Impey, N Quastre, R Wilkins, M Brazier — T Sindar, B Alich (sub.) D Dichlo, 84): Referee; J Writer

unmoved by toppling of the casual giant

Curbishley

Charlton Athletic Sheffield Wednesday 0

By ALYSON RUDD

TRAINS in and out of Charlton were subject to serious delays because of the wrong kind of Sheffield Wednesday supporters. They kept pulling the emergency handle: something their team never considered doing on Saturday despite being outplayed throughout this FA Cup third-

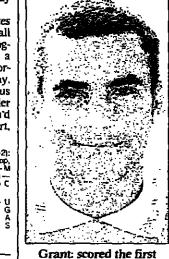
"Is it so much of a giant killing act?" asked Alan Curbishley, the Charlton Athletic manager, who was an-noyed by the media euphoria. As a fixture. Charlton, second in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, playing Wednesday, who are in the lower half of the FA Carling Premiership, ought not to have been a mis-match if we are to believe in the meritocracy of English football and the osmosis of clubs through the ranks. Charlton could be playing in the Premiership next season; they could even swap places with David Pleat's side.

Yet the differences between the sides were clear. Wednesday played three central defenders, a real Premiership trait. They were older, much older - one, Waddle, was 35 they fielded the exotic-sounding Degryse, Stefanovic and Kovacevic; and they were casual. They did not actually scuff their heels and pout, with their hands in their pockets, but they looked on the verge of

doing so. Charlton were faster, nimbler, keener. They were better organised, more highly-motivaled and they exhibited the more impressive skills. Yet you could still tell that they were from a different world.

They are neither fashionable or wealthy. A few injuries and a couple of key suspensions could see their season fall apart; all the more reason to ponder why Charlton threw themselves into this game and Wednesday, who have no title hopes and a bigger squad, did

Pleat turned languor into a virtue. "Passion comes from within," he said. "A player can't change his character overnight for one game. They are what they are. They need to create, they scored quite a few goals recently by playing quite clever football."



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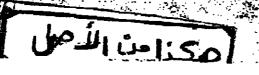
Charlton, mere first division and intellect rather well. They spotted almost from the kickoff that Walker and Stefanovic were not on the same wavelength and split open the visitors' defence by pushing the ball between them. Newton's through-pass in

the seventh minute released Grant, who gave Charlion the lead. Ten minutes later, Grant was brought down by Pressman on the edge of the area and Mortimer scored from the penalty spot.

Shortly after the interval Humphrey, the Charlton full back and captain, was dismissed for a second bookable offence. Robinson slotted in at right back in his place and Charlton proceeded to play even more incisively. The Wednesday midfield melted away as Grant ran forward before passing out to the right flank. Newton delivered a beautiful cross for Leaburn. who headed against the crossbar.

Hirst almost scored and Stefanovic thought that he had his effort was disallowed but Chariton were a class apart. In the last seconds, the home side, in time-honoured tradition, kept the ball in the opposition's corners and Wednesday looked quite relieved to see it there.

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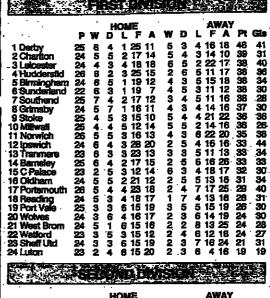
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Big-hitting eighth-wicket pair snatch victory for Western Province

England's one-day rehearsal falls flat

FROM SIMON WILDE, IN CAPE TOWN

CAPE TOWN (England XI won toss): Western Province beat an England XI by three

NO ENGLAND cricket tour is apparently complete these days without a humiliating defeat at the hands of youthful upstarts. The team in South Africa duly experienced theirs in front of 15,000 people at Newlands at 10.20pm on Sat-urday night, at a time when, in different circumstances, they might have been celebrating

victory in the Test series. On paper, losing to a Western Province team shorn of its five players on duty for the final Test match earlier in the week, Desmond Haynes, its overseas player, and with two more incapacitated by injury, must rank as a performance more crass than being beaten by a team of fringe Test players in Grenada two years ago or by an Australian Academy side — twice — at North Sydney Oval last winter.

Indeed, no amount of reasoning could hide the embarrassment of the England party

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WESTERN PROVINCE

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wicket partnership between Faick David and Paul Kirsten brother of Gary — turned what looked like a hopeless position for Western Province into victory within the space of 49 balls that produced 68 runs.

Yet it would be wrong to read too much into the outcome of a match arranged only 48 hours earlier and played on the same pitch on which England slid to an early defeat to surrender the Test England would have dearly

liked to win, and were trying hard enough, but they, too were below strength and their main object in the match was to give the limited-over spe-cialists, who have joined the party for the one-day international series that starts here tomorrow, a meaningful

It is their performances that the England management will have reflected on.

Most concern will centre on the two all-rounders, Craig White and Dermot Reeve. Reeve, like Neil Smith, had not played a serious match since September and the charitable view of his bowling, which posed few threats, was that he was rusty. The same could not be said of White, who came fresh from the A tour of Pakistan.

His batting exhibited this freshness, a sprightly 46 from 57 balls being the most im-pressive batting of the England innings. In partnership with Fairbrother, who scratched around for 107 balls over the same number of runs as himself, he rallied England from a woeful start that had seen them lose three wickets

It was White's bowling that maintained the suspicion that he falls short of international class. He began well enough, and claimed an early wicket, but, as the pressure mounted.

he was found wanting Atherton tested the mettle of all his bowlers by frequently switching them, and it was perhaps significant that it was to White, of whom he is scarcely a wholehearted sup-



A downcast Ramprakash could not believe his luck as Davids caught him off his first ball to continue what has been a luckless tour

porter, that he gave the ball for the penultimate over, with Western Province needing 15

Six balls were sufficient to finish the match, the over yielding 18 runs, including an on-drive for six that brought up a half-century in only 38

playing the game with Sacos, the non-white organisation, and went to the last World Cup as one of two development players in the South Africa squad.

White completed his over grim-faced, which made it all the stranger to hear Raymond manager, say later that White had "come through all right". Smith, in his first game for England, showed himself in a better light, contributing use ful late runs with the bat and bowling six tidy overs, albeit before the sudden change in tempo. Unfortunately for him.

vying for a place, also per-formed capably, though it was against Watkinson that Davids first got into his stride.

The start of England's in Pringle, who performed the hat-trick against them in Soweto ten weeks ago and

dismissing Atherton and the unfortunate Ramprakash with successive balls. It was Ramprakash's third nought in a row, although he was out to nings was ruined by Meyrick a poor decision, the ball being caught off his arm-guard. Thorpe, who opened the batting in the hope of playing a Watkinson, with whom he is who was on one again after long innings, also failed.

scene from their ivory electronic

If South Africa's victory helps

towards the creation of a wider

cricketing culture in their incredi-

ble country, that will be wonderful.

At the moment, it is still very much

a white man's game. On Christmas Day, I walked along a beach in

Cape Province with such an expanse of flat sand that it could have

accommodated every imaginable

game. There must have been 5,000

people on it, virtually all non-white

and a great many of them playing

Resurgent Richardson leads West **Indies to** 14-run win

RICHIE RICHARDSON made a timely return to form in Brisbane yesterday, striking an outstanding 81 as West Indies beat Australia by 14 runs in their World Series Cup match at the Gabba.

The West Indies captain. who has struggled for runs so far on the tour, dominated the bowling in a vintage display of strokeplay that helped to lift his side to 23) all out from 49.3

In reply, Australia were dismissed for 217 with 14 balls remaining as Ottis Gibson claimed the wickets of Ian Healy and Craig McDermon with successive balls. Gibson was engulfed by jubilant team-mates after shattering McDermott's stumps to the dismay of a capacity crowd of 21,632. It was West Indies third win in five days.

Gibson, who claimed two for 38 from 5.4 erratic overs. made an even more telling contribution with the bat, harmering 52 off 40 balls to ensure that West Indies capitalised on Richardson's two-hour innings.

Richardson eventually fell in the fortieth over when he drove a low catch to Michael Bevan in the covers to give Stuart Law his only wicker but his resurgence in scoring his first half-century in seven World Series innings failed to mask an otherwise indisciplined display by the other West Indies top-order batsmen. Gibson rescued the innings by smashing two sixes and four fours before being bowled by Shane Lee.

Ricky Ponting and Stuart Law scored 61 and 62 respectively to lift Australia's hopes,



Muralitharan: no-balled

They added 115 runs for the fourth wicket before Ponting fell to a rash pull shot, lofting a simple catch to Roger Harper - mid-on off lan Bisho caught and bowled by Phil Simmons nine overs later, Australia's hopes of victory

"It is never easy to beat Australia, so you enjoy any victory against them." Richardson said. "I am not a person to celebrate until the end, and I don't want anyone to get carried away because we have still a lot of work to do to reach the World Series final." Sri Lanka have called up Ruwan Kalpage, an all-rounder, to join the squad for the World Series Cup as a replacement for Muttiah Muralitharan, the off spinner at the centre of a controversy over

throwing. Muralitharan, who had not previously been called in 21 Tests before the tour, was noballed seven times for throwing by Ross Emerson, the

with a ball of some kind. In all that multitude. I spotted only two small black boys playing cricket. Adams, however, took to Test cricket like a duckling to water. In a kind of way, he lifted the veil off it. He twinkled while he spun and there is all too little of both in the modern game. When he came in last in South Africa's first innings. cheered to the echo but looking vulnerably young, he had faced only 16 balls and scored four runs in first-class cricket; but, when dent of the Sri Lanka Board of Control, has faxed the Interna-

Cork gave him a glare after bowling him a bouncer, Adams responded with a wink. When, eventually, the first African, as distinct from Cape Coloured, wins a Test cap, it will be of even greater sociological significance, but it could never be more disarmingly

The delay is understood to

be over differences on the

possible inclusion of Javed

Miandad, the former captain.

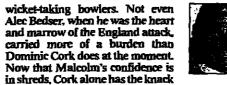
New emphasis on coaching is first step to halting decline

ape Town is full of disap-pointed, not to say disen-chanted, English cricket supporters, many of them asking the same question. How much longer do they have to wait for a genuine revival in England's cricket fortunes?

To blame the umpiring for the defeat in the fifth Test match last week, and the consequent loss of the Test series to South Africa, is to hide from the truth. England were beaten by a better side. In bowling and fielding, South Africa were a long way ahead, and their batting was more solid than England's.

From the start of the series, 1 could never quite understand why so many experienced observers saw England as the likelier side. One of them, Jack Bannister, no less, finished by eating his own words on live television, washed down with a bottle of Chardonnay. Maybe they were beguiled by the captain's optimism. On the eve of the tour, Michael Atherton wrote: "The variety of our bowling attack is a major asset for us. We have, I believe an attack suited to any kind of surface. We have pace bowlers, swing bowlers, nagging accuracy and spin. Importantly, we also have, in Cork, Gough and Ilott, excellent experts of reverse

More meaningfully, I am afraid, England are desperately short of



of making things happen. It was just as much England's batting that failed them, though. The pitch at Newlands for the last Test match may not have been a particularly good one, but it was nothing like poor enough to ex-plain England's totals of 153 and 157, even when some undoubtedly





John Woodcock sees little reason to

believe that an England revival is imminent after another series defeat

questionable umpiring decisions are taken into account. At Port Elizabeth, in the fourth Test match, they managed only 263 in their first innings on a pitch that gave no advantage to the South Africa bowlers, while in Johannesburg, in the second, a first innings total of 200 was the best England could do in reply to South Africa's 332.

Nothing was more certain when South Africa returned to Test cricket than that what they lacked in experience and flair they would make up for in commitment; and that is just as it has been. I doubt whether they have quite the flexibility to win the forthcoming World Cup, and they may well have a job coping with the spinners when they go to India next winter; but at least they have, in Paul Adams, a spinner of their own now, who is more than just a token. Their faster attack is as good and disciplined as there is. There is no more explosive bowler in the world than Donald, and Pollock has the whip and suppleness of a young Brian Statham.

One's sympathy goes out to Atherton. It is by no means the

most urbane of teams that he leads, but that, unfortunately, is a reflection of the times. No captain ever set a more resolute example at the crease or was deserving of better support. It is ridiculous, when he has such gifted players as Hick, Smith, Stewart and Thorpe at his side, that, unless he himself makes runs, England collapse. It is absurd, too, that when, in English cricket there is such a wealth of material. England should be a

poor sixth in the Test rankings. We have now had, successively, the Peter May era, the Ted Dexter era and the Raymond Illingworth era, the last being much the most authoritarian of them. In their contrasting ways, these dedicated men have given their all to make England into a winning side again. More expenditure and more acquired knowledge never went into an England tour than this one, and yet, so far, there is not much to show for it.

Basically, all Ulingworth asks is that his sides should make the best of themselves, which, unlike South Africa, they too seldom do. The fact that, of the 35 catches that South

when the ball never moved about a great deal, is an indictment of English batting technique. In the reorganisation of English coaching must be seen as being of much more importance than mar-

finished, 20 were taken at slip or

gully and eight others at the wicket,

cricket that is now under way, keting - coaching that puts orthodoxy and self-expression on a par. It is time, too, for a switch to more open government and a more constructive contribution from the best of England's former players,



Cork: immense burden

TABLE Australian umpire, in the oneday match against West Indies on Friday. Ana Punchihewa, the presi-

tional Cricket Council (ICC) requesting a ruling on Muralitharan's action before the World Cup begins next We officially asked the ICC last night to appoint an independent panel to evaluate his action," Punchihewa said.

"Once the ruling body makes

the decision of the independent panel, we have to accept Day Whatmore, the Sri Lanka coach video-taped Muralitharan's action during their defeat on Friday and this will be submitted by the Sri

Lankan management to the

Kalpage, who has taken 65 wickets and scored 768 runs in 70 one-day internationals, was omitted from the original 16member tour party, but was included in a provisional squad of 18 for the World Cup in Sri Lanka. Pakistan and India. Muralitharan has also

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Pakistan glide past traditional rivals

FROM MEL WEBB IN SHARJAH

BILL SHANKLY, it was, who said that football was not a matter of life or death - it was much more important than that. Cricket matches between India and Pakistan fall firmly into the same category, at least as far as Indians and Pakistanis are concerned, and it does not matter if the combatants are 15 or 50.

in this case, before they even set foot on the field, most of the players were pretty close to their half-centuries - years. that is, not runs. The latest not changed is the enchanting

stan rivalry was the third match of the World Masters Cricket series yesterday, and the Pakistan over-35s did not so much defeat as annihilate their old foes.

The margin was seven wickets with eight balls to spare, but the victory was more comprehensive than that. It left india, strongly-fancied before the tournament, bottom of the four-team table, having

lost both of their matches. The years have treated some of the players here well, others slightly less so, but what has felicity with which they play their cricket. Mudassar Nazar, the Pakistan opener, was all glides and flicks and effortless driving in an undefeated 107; Sadiq Mohammed, with whom he put on 112 for the first wicket, the same quixotic exploiter of anything the

slightest bit loose. Sadiq, at 50, jointly the oldest man in the tournament, was run out one run short of his half-century, and India could be grateful for Nayak's throw from deep square leg. because they did not look likely to get rid of him any other way. Zaheer Abbas and

Salim Yousul, the other Pakistanis to lose their wickets, were also run out; it was not a good day to be an India bawler. Pakistan bowled tightly and

fielded well enough until they dropped three catches in seven balls near the end of the India innings. They may not get away with such extravagance when they play West Indies on Wednesday.

SCORES: Yesterday: India 215-5 (M Amariath 62, S M Gavasker 43), Palastan 216-3 (Mudessar Nazar 107 not out. Sadiq Mohammad 49) Palastan won by 7 Mds Saturday: West Indias 202 (C L King 41; S Fattl. 4-46, S Nayah, 3-29); India 195-6 (Gavalsker 87, Armantith 57; Al Kellichaman 3-35), West Indias won by 7 runs.

Lara renews interest in England

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRIAN LARA may be ready to return to English cricket. Only three months after declining Warwickshire's offer of a three-year contract, the record-breaking West Indies batsman announced in Trinidad that he will listen to

further offers. "I have recharged my batteries and I'm feeling really keen and enthusiastic," he said. "If a really good offer came in from an English county, I'd be delighted to consider it." Lara refused to go on the West Indies tour of Australia in a protest against a domestic tournament.

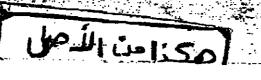
fine imposed on him during the tour of England last year. He returned to first-class cricket for Trinidad and Tobago in the Red Stripe Cup this weekend. The Pakistan selectors, who

met in Karachi yesterday to pick the squad for the forthcoming World Cup. have delayed the decision until Friday, officials said. Zafar Altaf, who chaired the meeting, gave no reason beyond saying that the selectors wanted to watch players who were playing in the Wills Cup

in the national side. An opening partnership of 213 between Robert Lawson (113 not out) and Matthew Bell (83) dominated the second day of the Zimbabweans' threeday match against the New Zealand Academy XI in Whangarei yesterday. The Academy XI declared on 213

for one at the close.

for one and the Zimbabweans been included in the World extended their 61-run first-Cup squad. innings lead by reaching 80





Aggressive Faldo sets out to rein in leader

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NICK FALDO'S new attitude faced a tough examination as he entered the final round of the Mercedes Championship of Golf on another gloriously sunny day at the luxurious La Costa resort here yesterday.

He has abandoned the countless swing thoughts. which prompted hesitancy. and has instead adopted a policy of pure aggression in an effort to erase frustrations caused by his relatively poor showing in 1995, when he failed to make an impact in the four major championships.

Faldo needed to summon every ounce of aggression he could muster if he was to catch the leader, the 38-year-old American Mark O'Meara. who led him by four strokes and was armed with the knowledge that he got the better of the British player when they came down the closing stretch together in the

Honda Classic last March. "That was a great battle and I am expecting another today," Faldo said before completing a punishing spell on the practice range, where he concentrated mainly on his short game.

"Mark is playing exception-ally well," Faldo added. "But I have had a very encouraging week and whatever the outcome, it has been a successful start to my new year."

Faldo has pinpointed improving his approach shots, from a nine-iron down, as the key to adding to his five major championships. He spent an hour yesterday on "distance work practice" where he strings a row of baskets on the range at distances between 30 and 70 yards.

"My goal is to improve that part of my game because when I had my best years, in 1990 and 1992, every time I had a short club in my hand I was dancing around the hole," he said. "I have got to recapture that form. I didn't have it when the majors began last year and I struggled."

The most refreshing aspect proach is that he is now concentrating solely on getting the ball close, rather than the technicalities of his swing. That's been another difference. I realised there was nothing much wrong with my swing, I just needed to attack the hole more often.

"Let's be honest. I am 38 and getting older. I want to win more major titles, that is always my goal, and I have nothing to lose. I will try to birdie every hole today. I know that's impossible but that's the attitude I must take out there with me if I'm going to stand a chance."

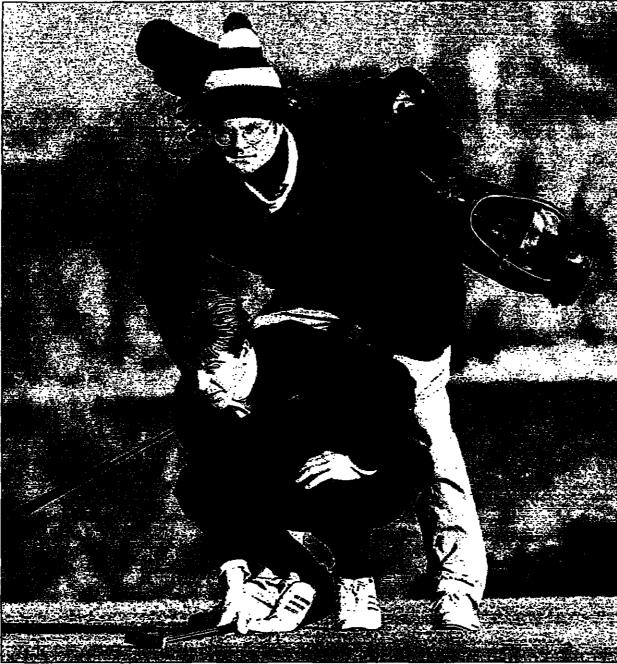
O'Meara, who brought his haul of tour titles to ten last year, when he had two victories, had six birdies in a flawless third round of 66, which left him 13 under par on 203. Faldo collected five birdies in a 68 to continue his opening with 70 and 69. Faldo's last victory came in

the Doral Open in March and he was forced into second place a week later by O'Meara, who wisely refused to believe that his four-shot cushion was sufficient to guarantee an easy ride to victory and a \$180,000 prize.

When I beat Nick at the Honda, 70 per cent of the gallery was pulling for him even though we were playing in my home state of Florida. he said. "Americans love a winner — and that's exactly what he is. When I look at Nick Faldo, I see one of the toughest competitors out

Faldo, who will take a threeweek break and return to his Florida base for more practice after this event, was a stroke ahead of the American quartet of Corey Pavin, Jim Gallagher, Scott Hoch and Lee Janzen

John Daly shot his eighth successive round above par, a one-over 73, that left him on 224. The Open champion said he was unwell, and doubted he would play in the Tucson Open starting on Thursday.



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Rotheroe and Hill, his caddie, line up a putt on the 10th green during his victory at Rye yesterday

Rotheroe displays presidential style

By JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THERE are not many allrounders as good as Charlie Rotheroe. Golf, squash and real tennis come easily to this genial 28-year-old. Rotheroe, who works in the City and plays his golf at The Berk-shire, is a flashback to another

The night before final quali-

fying for the 1990 Open championship, Rotheroe went Scottish dancing and opened up the next morning with eight birdies in 14 holes. In the Mid-Amateur over the New Course at Sunningdale last year he was the third-best qualifier of the 64. In a few weeks, he flies to the United States to compete in a real tennis tournament

Yesterday, he won the Presi-

dent's Putter, beating Neil Pabari at the 20th as light was fading and senior members of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society were discussing what to do if darkness stopped play. The shot that won it for Rotheroe was a fouriron that flew like an arrow at the flag of the second extra hole. Pabari, the Oxford captain this year, was in a bunker to the right of the green from the tee and had taken three strokes before Rotheroe stroked in his putt for victory.

for such a gifted player as Rotheroe that it should come at his first attempt. Up to then, the two men had done their best to give it away - albeit while moving at an admirable clip that saw them play 20 holes in 195 minutes. Rotheroe, who had squeaked

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It was somehow appropriate

home against Chris Dale on the first extra hole of his morning semi-final, was three up after four holes, one down after the 12th, one up after the

Twice over the closing holes Pabari's anxiousness caused him to miss short putts. On the 14th, one of less than three feet was struck too hard and reared away from the hole. That would have put him two up. On the 16th he pulled a more difficult putt, this one of three feet. However, he had the satisfaction of holing a courageous ten-footer on the 18th after a wonderful six-iron from deep in a crater on the right of the fairway.

Anyone who seriously doubted the enduring appeal of this ancient event - and there are plenty from within the ranks of golfers who did

not attend the universities of Oxford and Cambridge needed only to be at Rye yesterday. On a day when the attractions of home and hearth were considerable, a gallery of at least 300 gathered to exercise their dogs and watch the golf. National championships have been won and lost in front of fewer

Phil Hill, Rotheroe's caddie, has an unusual claim to fame. bespectacled mathematician, he was the runner-up to Steve Seman in the 1994 final and then caddied for Andy Woolnough, the winner in 1995. Some of Oxford and Cambridge's greatest brains will be at work trying to discover whether such a treble has been achieved before.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Most duplicate players use "negative" doubles. That is to say, when their partner opens with one of a suit and the opponents intervene in another suit, a double is not penalty but shows the ability to compete further. The strength of the doubler's hand is unlimited, but he will not have a good suit of his own.

One consequence of this is that, if a player does have a penalty double, the only way that a partnership can catch the opposition is for the player over the bidder to pass and hope that his partner can re-open the bidding with a take-out double. Here is an example from the BBL Premier League.

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This was the auction at two tables. West's Pass of South's South bid only One Heart weak jump overcall was the After Senior bid One Spade only way that he could arrange to play in Two Hearts Doubled. If you play this method, it is obligatory for the opener to bid again if it is passed back to him and he is

short in the suit bid on his left. Nevertheless, West's firstround Pass looks alarming to me - what if East had been dealt an extra heart and one less diamond? Then, he would also pass Two Hearts and West would look foolish, with Six Spades on their

Against Senior and myself. and heard support from me. he made several slam tries.

Ti Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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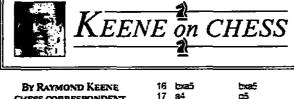
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a. The wild pea b. Vapid c. Lively

However, I was too nervous of my overall weakness and poor trumps and Senior was worried about heart losers, so we eventually subsided in Five Spades. Not as good as getting 800 out of Two Hearts doubled (or even 500 from One Heart

AILUROPHILE a. A cat-lover b. Collector of beer-mats c. Liking garlic RUDERAL

a. Thriving in rubbish b. Indecent c. To do with steering Answers on page 35



CHESS CORRESPONDENT

The Hastings Premier tournament has ended in a triple tie for first prize between Stuart Conquest, the British grandmaster. Bogdan Lalic, the former Yugoslav grandmaster, and grandmaster Alexander Khalifman, who now represents Germany. In the last round, all games were drawn, apart from the clash between Matthew Sadler, the British champion, and Conquest. The latter took his life in his hands, inviting a complex position in which both players became extremely short of time. Conquest's boldness was rewarded with a career-best final

performance. White: Matthew Sadier Black: Stuart Conquest Hastings Premier, January 1996 Keres Defence

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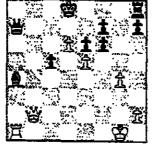
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to move. This position is a variation from the game Plaskett — Mestel, Hastings Premier, 1986. James Plaskett. a former British champion, is a very dangerous attacking player and this position is an excellent example. White to play and win.

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Final hope of glory for Paci

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

STEVE PACI will be in the unusual position next Saturday of attempting to help Worthing Bears lift the 7-Up Trophy for the first time, knowing that no matter how well he plays, it will almost certainly be his last game for

By contributing only a single basket — with a dunk — to Worthing's 93-88 Budweiser League victory over their Trophy final opponents, London Towers, on Saturday the 26year-old American illustrated only too well how badly his first season in England has gone wrong.

Explaining why the decision had been made to cut Paci – replacing him with the 6ft 8in Californian, Tim Gar-rett, who is ineligible for next Saturday - Colin Irish, Worthing's player/coach, said: "Steve was not hitting the big baskets when we needed them but you've got to give him respect. He has continued to give 110 per cent even though he knew the writing was on the wall."

While Paci continued to struggle on Saturday, Irish maintained his form, collecting 31 points to push the league leaders to their first defeat in 11 games. London trailed for most of

the game. Only when Tony Windless and Andy Gardiner came up with baskets in the last quarter did the Towers twice lead briefly. Windless finished with 29 points. Gardiner with 18 but it was Irish who found invaluable support from Steve Nelson, who accumulated 24 points and Alan Cunningham and Derrick Plair, who hit 15 apiece. Chester Jets, who have also

replaced an American, Kareem Allen, with another, Billy Singleton, reaped the benefit with successive wins. Following up their 104-100 over-time success over Birmingham Bullets, they won 87-75 at Leicester City Riders, al-though Singleton's tally of 22, points was upstaged by his compatriot Waymon Boone's

Tomba's charge to victory

ALBERTO Tomba produced a characteristic second-run charge to win the World Cup slalom skiing race in Flachau, Austria, yesterday, his third success of the season. Fourth fastest after the first run, Tomba, of Italy, stormed down the piste, his time of lmin 41.05sec good enough to beat Mario Reiter, of Austria, and Jure Kosir, of Slovenia.

It was the second time over the weekend that Tomba had shown his skills in an inspired second run. On Saturday, he had come back from sixth to take second place in the giant slalom, a surprise result he hailed as good as a victory despite being beaten by Urs Kaelin, the Swiss, the last man down the hill. It was Kaelin's first World Cup victory in seven years seven years.

Kristina Andersson won her first World Cup race yesterday in Maribor, Slovenia, taking the slalom honours when her Swedish teammate, Pernilla Wiberg, crashed. Andersson, 30. edged out Effi Eder, of Austria, by six hundredths of a second. Claudia Riegler, the Austrian born skier representing New Zealand, was third. Katja Seizinger, the Olympic downhill champion, ended a run of wins by her German team-mate, Martina Ertl, by winning the giant statom in the Slovenian resort on Sourday. Seizinger's time of 2min 14.30sec put her ahead of

Jens Weissflog, the German veteran ski-jumper, had two perfect leaps on Saturday to win the Four Hills tournament for a record fourth time in Bischofshofen. Austria. Weissflog, 31. had jumps of 126.5 metres and 122.5 metres to finish 14 points ahead of Norway's Espen Bredesen and Finland's Ari-Pekka Nikola.

Sonja Nef. of Switzerland, and

Weissflog was delighted, particularly as he has said this will be his last season. He confirmed yesterday that Saturday's victory would not tempt him to change his decision to retire in the Spring.

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Green Bay send the champions packing

THE GREEN Bay Packers ended the reign of the San Francisco 49ers as National Football League champions yesterday, winning 27-17 in a National Football Conference play-off game. Brett Favre, the Green Bay quarterback, considered 21 of 28 pages for 200 years as his side moved in completed 21 of 28 passes for 299 yards as his side moved to within one game of the Super Bowl for the first time since within one game of the Super Bowl for his that 1967. The Packers will face the winners of last night's game between the Dallas Cowboys and the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC championship game next weekend. It was the first time the 49ers had lost in the play-offs since 1988.

Bam Morris ran for 106 yards and two touchdowns, and Norm Johnson kicked four field goals to lead Pitisburgh Steelers to a 40-21 victory over Buffalo Bills in an American Football Conference play-off game. The Steelers will now play the winner of last night's match between Indianapolis and Kansas City.

World record for Han

SWIMMING: Han Xue, a Chinese teenager, shrugged off the disappoinement of an earlier disqualification to set a world record of 31,11sec in the women's 50 metres breaststroke at the World Cup short-course meeting in Hong kong yesterday. Xue, 14, making only her second international appearance, was disqualified in the 100 metres freestyle heat for wobbling on the blocks, but bounced back to win the breaststroke final. Han, based in Peking, shaved 0.08sec from the previous best of 31.19sec and was followed home by Jamie King, of Great Britain.

Faizy prevails

SQUASH: Tracey Shenton, from Staffordshire, maintained a lone domestic presence among the Commercial Union British Junior Open titles settled at Abbeydale Park Sheffield over the weekend by defeating Janie Thacker, of Yorkshire, 5-9, 9-5, 10-8, 5-9, 9-3 in a 63-minute under-19 final. The most prestigious junior trophy in the game, the Drysdale Cup, however, went overseas when Ahmed Faizy, of Egypt, defeated Marcus Cowie, from Norfolk, 9-3, 7-9, 4-9, 9-3, 9-4 in the boy's under-19 final.

Cardiff consolidate lead

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils strengthened their position at the head of the premier division by defeating Fife Flyers 9-1, with Doug McEwen, Steve Moria and Randy Smith each scoring twice, while the two teams immediately below them, Nottingham Panthers and Sheffield Steelers, had to settle for a share of the spoils in a 3-3 draw. Chris Kelland's 45th-minute goal, which gave Sheffield a 3-2 lead, looked likely to be the winner but Garth Premak scored with just 2000 to the property of the horse team. 39sec remaining to salvage a point for the home team

Painful exit for Rosset

Cup team championship ended with Marc Rosset, right, in hospital and Martina Hingis in tears as Croatia celebrated a bizarre victory. Rosset injured his hand punching a board after the Swiss team wasted four championship points in the final set of the decisive mixed doubles. He played two more points before the

TENNIS: The Hopman



Radcliffe storms home

ATHLETICS: Paula Radcliffe added to her growing reputation by winning the Coca-Cola international cross-country race in Mallusk on Saturday. The Bedford runner, who last week took the Durham international title, covered the 4.8-kilometre course in 16min 02sec in a howling gale. She pulled away from Rose Cheruiyot, of Kenya, 800 metres from home after the pair had left the rest of the field trailing.

Johnson foiled

FENCING: Sam Johnson. 18, from the Sussex House club in London, took third place for Great Britain in the Budapest round of the junior (under-20) World Cup event at the weekend, losing 15-11 to Lorenzo Mammi, of Italy, the eventual winner. Paul Walsh, the British senior champion, finished thirteenth, but moved up to fifth in the world under-

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Saracens search abroad in pursuit of success

Saracens Wasps24

By BRYAN STILES

SARACENS have taken a deep breath and are about to throw off the mantle as the makeweights in the top level of English rugby. With the first swish of the £2.5 million wand from their new backer, they are about to announce the identity of the overseas player whom they intend

to put under contract.
This friendly club from the leafy north London suburb of Southgate is hoping to become the first English club to secure top foreign player now that rugby is entering its new open era. It is a bold step for an unoretentious chih. whose attendance for this important Courage Chubs Championship match numbered little more than 3,000, even though it had festooned the area with posters describing the game as "The Crunch", to encourage the community

to lend its support. Saracens officials have spoken to Philippe Sella, the former France centre who is the most capped player in world rugby, and to Michael Lynagh, the Australia stand-off half. and negotiations are at a critical stage, but the club is refusing to say who its

target is. Nigel Wray, the club's rugby-besotted benefactor, who made his fortune through property dealing. is adamant, though, that Saracens teams will continue to be composed largely of players from the local community and an-nounced that Anthony Diprose and Richard Hill had signed three-year contracts.

Saracens showed in this match that they need only a few more players of high quality to convert them from also-rans into contenders. They made Wasps groggy, particularly in the second half, and, if Lee had capitalised on more of the penalty chances that



Damian Hopley: set up his brother, Phil

came his way when Wasps were under the cosh and being enticed offside, Saracens would have secured a victory to set alongside the one that they achieved against Leicester, the champions, in November.

Defeat keeps them an-chored near the bottom of the table, above Gloucester and West Hartlepool, and enables Wasps to keep up their challenge at least to secure a position in the top four and collect a place in the new European Cup.

Wasps had built up a comfortable 21-9 lead by the interval and looked as though they would coast to victory. A splendid break by Damian Hopley set up a try for his brother, Phil, a charge up the middle by Scrivener put in Gomarsall and a penalty try, awarded when Saracens collapsed a scrum, looked like the prelude to an even richer haul, but Saracens, who had collected three first-half penalty goals from Lee, fought back. Lee picked up two more

penalty goals and Tun-ningley raced in for a try. Lee failed with the conversion that would have brought the scores level and a relieved Wasps team swept back upfield for Gregory to wipe out the last resistance with a penalty goal.

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Bath's first defeat should not herald pragmatic approach



A forward thrust by Robinson, the Leicester centre, is halted by the intervention of Catt as Guscott, left, waits to reinforce the defensive shield. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Entertainers must let the show go on

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

BATH'S response to their first Courage Clubs Championship defeat of the season will not only be instructive but also vital for the wellbeing of the domestic game. Will they continue to strive for the "total-rugby" that has been their creed all season or retreat into a more pragmatic shell intent on defending their two-point advantage at the top of the first division?

If Brian Ashton, the Bath coach, has his way, there will be no backward movement. He has not spent half a season building a side that, before Saturday, had averaged 46 points a match at home in the league, only to abandon his philosophy after defeat by the champions.

The English game, moreover, needs Bath to set the example that winning rugby can also be entertain- ensure that the game is played in the was spoken to twice by Brian he led the tight forwards into the

quins, and occasionally Leicester midfield realistic opportunities. That send the same messagem but Bath do it better than anyone. They will know, too — and if they do not, Ashton will tell them - that they contributed to their own downfall by departing from the game that they had trained to play.

'We weren't going to play a lineout and scrummaging game, we were going to kick high and chase, mix in a few chips," John Hall, their director of rugby, said, "but we played it long, and badly, and played into their hands. Against Northampton before Christmas, we adapted to the conditions. This time, we didn't, Leicester's defence is well-organised and we ran out of options."

It was not quite that straightforward. As the weather deteriorated by the end, rain was lashing down, the wind blowing strongly towards the clubhouse and the surface cutting up badly - so Leicester's strength in the maul came into its own. Bath lack a controller at half back, one who can

can be done by perceptive passing or tactical kicking, and the conditions militated against the first and Catt was not equal to the second. Perhaps Bath were so encouraged

by the opening period that they failed identify the need to adapt. Within 34 seconds, they had outflanked the defence and Adebayo, Leicester's nemesis in the league meeting at Welford Road in September, had scored. Magnificent continuity, quick rucking, and deft handling paved the

way to Callard's first penalty goal and, within five minutes, Bath were eight points ahead. Leicester were chasing shadows; but with a mixture of straightforward confrontation and skilful forward play -- streetwise, Hall called them - they put a clamp on Bath's ambition.

Central to their efforts were two

England men, Richards and Johnson, the former discarded, the latter now a world-class forward. Johnson ing. Waspa, Sale, perhaps Harle- opposing half and offer their creative Campsall, the referee, who also tackle and he came to control the Referee B Campsall, the referee, who also

lectured both packs, both front rows and showed Garforth a yellow card for dangerous play at a maul. The brunt of his message was that both teams had a duty not only to themselves but also to spectators; to their credit, the players responded.

Indeed, Campsall, who will handle the Ireland v Scotland game on January 20, won praise from Tony Russ, the Leicester director of rugby, for his authority. Though neither club felt that it was an unblemished match — Hall worried about Leicester's behaviour at tapped penalties, Russ at scrummage rulings the problems implicit whenever these

"You have the two best teams in the country and a mighty physical confrontation," Russ said. "It's almost like a boxing match and it nearly got out of control, but Brian restrained

clubs meet were acknowledged.

Johnson seems to have acquired the Richards knack of being where the ball is. He dominated the lineout, restarts; thus possession trickled away from Bath, whose only reward when they had the blustering wind at their backs in the second half was the second of two penalty attempts by Callard.

The game was reduced to the Leicester pack against the Bath midfield, where de Glanville and Andy Robinson form so effective a link, and Leicester emerged deserved winners. Their back division is plain compared to the Bath glitterati, but their forwards knew precisely what they were about. With Liley to kick the goals, four in the first half and one in the second, they improved their league record against Bath to five wins in 12 encounters and gave the rest of the first division hope that the league title may yet be contested. SCORERS: Bath: Try: Adebayo. Penalty goels: Callard (3). Lescaster: Penalty goals: Liley (5)
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LEICESTER: J Liley; W Killord, R Robinson, Detanev, R Underwood: J Hams, A Kardooni.

Stimpson miss so cruel | Harlequins eye Europe between victory and defeat. Not one of their five tries was same doughtiness was on

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CHARACTER, one of the qualities that Jack Rowell, the Éngland manager, so espouses in potential international players, was demonstrated in the cruellest

circumstances at Kingsholm. in a Courage Clubs Championship first division match between the bottom two teams, West Hartlepool threw everything into a late attempt to overturn a 17-11 Just 30 seconds of normal

time remained when Stimpson, the full back, who had been an inspiration for West Hartlepool all afternoon. hit the line with a punishing run between outside centre and wing and surged over in the left corner. He then forced his way to within five yards of the posts before touching down, making the conversion a virtual formality. Gloucester's heads hung in dismay at the impending defeat only for Stimpson to send the conversion emphatically wide. It cost

certainly their place in the first division.

Few players would have held their heads up after that, but Stimpson, as West's captain, had a congratulatory word for every Gloucester man and then boldly faced the media to discuss his faux pas. The manner in which he handled such dire adversity spoke volumes for Stimpson's character and make-up.
"That kick was a gimme

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and I have no excuses." Stimpson said. "Of course I should have got it, but I lifted my head a bit. Maybe I should have composed myself better. When I touched down, I thought about asking someone else to take the kick because the try had tired me: but you can't do that." Stimpson could have been tried in England's pre-Christmas international against Western Samoa. Virtually

ed player. His speed, strength

and timing in joining the attack are all formidable. He is solid under the high ball and tackles firmly. His physical presence in joining the back line exposes most defences. It was tragic that he, of all people, should have been ultimately responsible for denying West their first league win of the season. Tim Smith's three penalty goals kept Gloucester in touch

until his departure with a knee liagment injury. Osborne added an important penalty goal and Beim scuttled over for a try. Shelley had scored on half-time to give West an 11-6 interval lead, but Gloucester were in control thereafter.

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IF THIS was a game to determine which of these clubs joins Bath and Leicester in European competition next season, then some lessons are clear immediately. The first is that all is not shipshape at Bristol. Their chances of finishing in the top four of the Courage Clubs Championship - and thereby gaining a place in the Heineken Cup - seem slim. The second is that Harlequins are beginning to deliver a decent dividend and can now be considered realistic

contenders for Europe. Indeed, it is about time, with regard to Harlequins. For months, they have blown hot and cold, enthrallingly attractive one minute, exasperatingly disappointing the next. Now, however, the hard-nosed approach of Dick Best and Keith Richardson appear to be winning the day. Harlequins fought like tigers, if Leicester will pardon the ex-pression, to defeat Orrell away show again, this time at home. in the trouncing of Bristol.

Never was it better demonstrated than for 20 minutes after half-time, when Harlequins, leading 18-0, faced a series of Bristol attacks. The visitors came at them from all quarters, but when the storm abated, Harlequins had not conceded a try. It was defence of an heroic nature. The only way that Bristol

could score was by a dropped goal from Arwel Thomas, 21, the talented Welshman who may be named for Wales against Italy.

Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, was in the stand watching Thomas, and Jack Rowell. the England coach and manager, was also present, noting, no doubt, how Rob Kitchin outplayed Kyran Bracken. Kitchin, benefiting from an immense effort by his forwards, was everything that Bracken once was: quick-thinking, fast off the mark and always wanting to be involved. Three tries were no less than he deserved.

Harlequins' main problem is goalkicking, and in a close game it could be the difference

converted. In the absence of David Pears, they do not have a proper kicker. Chris Wright took and missed the first two penalty attempts and the last conversion. Will Carling kicked one penalty goal and missed two conversions before handing over to Paul Challinor, who missed two

CONVERSIONS.

"Harlequins are not the soft touch they used to be." Richardson said. "If we can stop our opponents scoring tries, then we are halfway towards winning. They had a hard, big pack. We did good work in stopping them driving forward and then playing the game we wanted to play. "It is getting better all the time — and getting in to Europe is very, very important

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Scotland's plans cast into oblivion by Italian enterprise

Scotland A17

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN RIETI

SCOTLAND, with the five nations' championship looming, suddenly find themselves back at square one. When the selectors meet tonight to pick the side to play Ireland on January 20, they will have to confront far more problems than they would have envisaged at such an important

stage of the season. The cuphoria generated by success last year has evaporated, and after this debilitating. confidence-sapping defeat: issues such as where to find a reliable soal kicker, where to play Gregor Townsend and

how to blend a more dynamic midfield remain high on the While Italy offered a persua-

everything that he did for 80

sive argument for inclusion in an expanded European tournament, Scotland were, in the words of Jim Telfer, their manager, slow and predictable. They were out-thought and out-fought and the try count of 4-1 in favour of Italy, two of them from tap penalties, did not flatter the home side. Scotland can point to seven missed penalty kicks. but Rowen Shepherd, who is the fourth-choice kicker at Melrose, should not be blamed; the selectors must shoulder responsibility. The problems, which in the past were papered over by Gavin Hastings and a collective pas-

sion, now run deep.

Telfer even raised the prospect of Scotland having to reassess their whole strategy. "We did not look threatening when we had the ball and we need to speed the game up," he

Paul Burke was stand-off in the win against Fiji in Nov-

Scotland led 11-3 after half an hour through a try by Redpath and, if Shepherd had kicked his goals, then Scotland could have been well clear at that stage. Scotland still led, 11-10, at half-time, the

in the Pilkington Cup. The

Problems for Ireland

IRELAND'S week-long training camp in Atlanta concluded with a hard-fought 25-18 victory over the American Eagles on Saturday (David Hands writes). There will be debate over the stand-off half and tight-head prop when the selectors meet tomorrow night to choose the team to play Scotland.

ember and Eric Elwood had

scored by Richard Wallace,

came just before half-time.

his opportunity in a rain-drenched Life College stadium. He kicked three penalty goals and a conversion before injury forced him off, Burke replacing him to kick three penalty goals. Peter Clohessy will come in to contention at prop but Murray Kidd, the coach, was heartened by the contribution of the senior forwards. Ireland's only try.

Italians having scored a try by Visentin, converted by Dominguez who also added a penalty goal. The try emphasised the difference in approach between the sides. Scotland would have kicked for goal; Italy, prompted by Dominguez and Sgorlon, opted for adventure.

Two more penalty goals by Shepherd and one by Townsend kept Scotland in front after Gardner had repeated Visentin's feat.

Arancio put Italy ahead for the first time after 63 minutes. ending a move that had begun with Stuart Reid losing possession and suffering a damaged Achilles tendon. Italy scented victory, which was confirmed when Hastings and Logan muddled and Vaccari

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Jardine, Reteree: G Simmonds (Wales). ☐ Earlier, Scotland Under-21 won away from home for the first time since 1986 when they beat Italy 31-10. Steven Reed scored two tries

Neath try to place emphasis on plan of attack

Newbridge....

BY THE end of the season, the number of tries that a team scores may have a decisive bearing on the destiny of the Heineken League. Thus, in a Welsh championship that is more open than it has been in any time since leagues began, in 1990, Neath moved up to second place in the first division on Saturday, locked with Llanelli on 34 points but a bair's breadth ahead because of their superior try count Indeed, with 55 tries from 14 games, this is more than Cardiff, who are on top, and is bettered only by Swansea, who have 57.

Much has been said about the extra points that a team gains from scoring tries. It is far from ideal in its present form - the three points that a team can get for scoring seven tries is greater than the points gained for a win and some argue that any such system, because of its inevitable artificiality. may not ultimately be in the best interest of the Weish game. It may create a false sense of tactical priorities.

Perhaps not. Scoring a try gives the highest scor-ing potential and to get into the habit of doing so can be no bad thing. In consequence, matches in Wales this season have been more purposeful and imaginative than in recent

On Saturday, in miserably difficult conditions, Neath and Newbridge provided a match of exciting movement, more than the spectators had any right to expect. Having already scored the three tries that had earned them the extra bonus point, Neath did not sit on their laurels and went in search of more, only to be denied by a resilient Newbridge, who, when playing into the wind in the second



Gareth Llewellyn: set up Neath's first try

half, found that defence can be turned into attack. Neath's two second-half tries were the highlights. Both came within three minutes of the interval. Having played a containing game for the first 40 minutes, Neath succeeded in staying level at the halfway stage, Strange and Hogan kicking a pen-alty goal each. At the first lineout of the second half, after 40 seconds, on the Newbridge ten-metre line, Gareth Llewellyn tapped the ball to his scrum half. Hogan passed to Robin Jones, who was gathering momentum from a deep position. By the time that the home team recovered, Jones was close to their line and, when held, nassed inside to Glyn

Liewellyn, who scored.

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kick-off, Richard Jones's

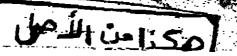
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lished the position for the

next lineout. Neath did not win possession cleanly, but John Davies cleaned up, drove hard for the line and, when tackied, held the ball for Glyn Llewellyn, again, to score. Newbridge responded positively, but, for all their good approach work, they could not score and it was Hogan who had the final word, with a try from the blind side of a maul.

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SCORERS: Newbridge: Penalty goal:
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Regal Wigan stay on course for eighth cup success

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AS A tipster lamented at the weekend. Wigan have removed any fun from rugby league betting, yet Shaun Edwards, their captain, insisted that his team will go into the Regal Trophy final against St Saturday as

as Edwards knows, can always be twisted to fit. The 80 points put past Warrington in their semi-final can, on one hand, make St Helens favourites, but the 110 points that they have conceded io Wigan in two meetings already this season point to another piece of silverware.

On the other side of the Central Park fence on Saturday. Dean Bell was wimess to his former club's mockery of Leeds. Wigan having less possession but doing everything right with it. "How can you bet against them in the final?" the Leeds coach asked.

Bell believes this latest rout by Wigan, the first Leeds have suffered under his charge, will give more incentive to his club

In between the opening and closing quarters, when the sides were at touching distance. Leeds plunged down the chasm in depressingly

The sin-binning of Gary Connolly, for a professional foul, softened their landing. With the removal of one of their main tormentors. Leeds recovered some pride with three of four second-half tries. by Mann, who got two, and the tireless Morley, although it would be foolish to suggest



Edwards: mastery

Warrington halve margin of defeat

By Christopher Irvine

the scene of their crime, four days after surrendering 80-0 in the Regal Trophy. brought half a repeat at St Helens vesterday in a 40-point losing margin in the Stones Championship.

Worse than a milder, although still emphatic 54-14 defeat, were the dismissals of two Warrington backs, Salesi Finau, for violent conduct in the 34th minute, and Lee Penny in the second half. This was hardly the call to arms Clive Griffiths, who succeeded Brian Johnson as coach after the first drubbing, had in mind, especially after the encouragement of an early lead through a try by lestyn

With II players, Warring-ton again suffered that sinking sensation, as St Helens scored at will towards the end. Danny Arnold and Joey Hayes claimed two tries apiece and there were others Keiron Cunningham. Andy Haigh, Karl Hammond

WARRINGTON'S return to and Vila Matautia. Their only worries were injuries to the forwards, Ian Pickavance (ankle) and Vila Matautia (shoulder), but both are expected to be available for the final on

drew 26-26 at Castleford, but learnt yesterday that John Bentley. 29. their Great Britain back and former England rugby union wing, is to return to his original code eight years after switching from Sale to Leeds. He is to join Rotherham, the Courage Clubs Championship third division side at the end of the inaugural Super League season in September.

Salford all but wrapped-up the first division title by winning 20-15 at Hull, while Keighley, their nearest rivals, were beaten at home by Widnes. Hull Kingston Rovers are virtually assured of winning the second division, after a 20-14 victory at Carlisle. Peter Roe, the Barrow coach, resigned after his side's defeat by Bramley.

showed anything more than that the Yorkshire side refused to throw in the towel. Warrington fashion.

In the short term, there seems no denying Wigan, and probably the long term as well. When they did wobble, in a defeat away to Oldham before Christmas, their players got together behind closed doors and set the targets of a seventh successive championship, which is already unofficially theirs, and a record eighth Regal Trophy, now beckoning at Huddersfield. Although successful in re-

cent league outings, the Schofield-Mann axis at half back for Leeds was unhinged by the vision and mastery at scrum half of Edwards. Alongside Edwards, Paul led Mann a merry dance, but was beater man-of-the-match award by Martin Hall, who bewitched the entire Leeds defence in a dazzling contribution from dummy half.

Hall, who has a contract with the Australian Rugby League (ARL), has also signed up for the first Super League season at Wigan. Who is to say that Connolly and Jason Rob inson, others with supposed future commitments to the ARL, might not now follow

Had Leeds kept to an error-free game-plan for longer than 20 minutes, they might have stood a chance. Two chinks in the visitors' armour were all that Wigan needed. When McDermott fumbled a straightforward pass, Hall was up on Edwards's inside for the opening try, and a subsequent hash by Golden of a kick through by Connolly presented Paul with a simple

hack and chase. In contrast to a disappointingly lacklustre Schofield, Edwards was superb. A chip kick allowed Radlinski to race on, and his running on the last tackle brought tries for Robinson and Connolly, whose second try, a teasing 80-metre individual effort, was the pick

of Wigan's six. Although blown irretrievably off course, the first of the retaliatory scores, by Harmon, helped Leeds to calm the storm. It will surely start afresh on Saturday.

SCORERS: Wigan: Tines. Connotly (2). Hall Paul Radinslu, Robinson Goals: Paul (7) Leeds: Tres: Mann (2), Harmon, Morley Goalt Holroyd Morley Goalt Holroyd
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J Field, M Forshaw (sub: M Shaw, 30)
Referee, F Cummings



Gooch avoids slips to reclaim title

NICK GOOCH came to the Guildford Spectrum leisure centre on Saturday to reclaim his kingdom. A year earlier, he had been undone in the British championships by a certain arrogance, seemingly an essential requirement for a short-track speed skater on the ice for all their pleasant demeanour off it.

On that occasion, he had led with a lap to go in the last event, the 3.000 metres, but complacency allowed Matthew Jasper to slip ahead and claim the overall title. Gooch had learnt his lesson well, and there was little likelihood of a repeat performance.

Not surprisingly, Gooch, an Olympic bronze medalwinner at Lillehammer in 1994. at the age of 20, was John Hennessy on a triumphant return to the British speed skating championships

pleased with his day's work, but not totally satisfied. "I was only 44-something for the 500 metres." he said. "I'll have to get at least a second

There was a good reason for his self-confessed failing. and he pulled up his right sleeve by way of explanation. It revealed a number of extensive and angry scars, the result of a bloody accident in Montreal in October, when another skater stumbled and brought him down.

After the operation, he was out of action for two weeks not a long period, perhaps, but, as he explained: "The aerobic condition deteriorates fast, so you must recover slowly, especially with so many drugs in the body."

The first event on Saturday, the 1,500 metres, indicated that Gooch was back to something like his best. He thrives on the longer dis-tances and, coming from last place among the six finalists with two laps to go, he picked them off one by one to win

The 500 metres was less convincing. Having nearly fallen in the semi-final, Gooth made his customary

Wilf O'Reilly, the 1991 world champion. and Jasper. Gooch then won the 1,000 metres, swooping outside Jas-per on the final bend, his favourite manoeuvre". With only the 3,000 metres left, Gooch led by 12 points, three ahead of Jasper and O'Reilly. Only if they beat him could

bad start in the final, and had

to settle for third place behind

With four laps left, an unregarded skater, Jamie Fearn, leapt away. From a flurry of arms and legs, Gooch slipped in front with a lap to go to win the race and the overall title with something to spare.

Debbie Palmer won the women's title with a maximum haul of 15 points.

frame from 55-0 arrears. Both players enter the con-

> □ Matthew Stevens, 18 of Carmarthen, was surprisingly beaten 5-4 by Richy McDonald in the lifth qualifying round of the £1.3 million Embassy World Championship at Blackpool. Stevens was expected to reach the final televised phase of the champ-

RESULTS: Finat: J Higgins (Scot) leval with R O'Sulfivan (Eng) 4-4. Frame scores (Higgins first) 1-78, 36-62, 61-44, 74-30, 78-21, 53-43, 29-62, 56-44, Semi-finate; Higgins bt P Ebdon (Eng) 6-4; O'Sulfivan bt K Doherty (Ire) 6-4.

Hayles returns to lead victory parade

ROB HAYLES took a break from his winter racing season on the Continent to spearhead London's victory in the opening meeting of the five cities Super Track League at Manchester, dominating the eight-race programme with three wins.

Teams from London. Manchester. Birmingham, Cardiff and Edinburgh compete in the weekly series at the £9 million national cycling centre, with each racing in four of the five matches.

An evening of intense competition was marred by a crash in the 8km scratch

race, won by Hayles with strong tactical support from his squad. John Hargreaves, last year's Manchester League champion, was one of four riders involved in the spill and was taken to hospital with leg injuries: Jon Clay, double British track champion, was another who fell heavily opening a wound sustained when he crashed in last year's world champion-

ships in Colombia. In addition to Hayles's scratch race victory, he won the devil-take-the-hindmost and was the powerhouse of London's seven-point victory over Manchester, with a total of 34.

hind, were third and Cardiff (10 points)

Alwyn McMath was a revelation in the sprint series. Irish-born and now studying at Salford University, he was never beaten in the sprint competition for which he was top seed after winning the qualifying 200 metres time trial in 11.371 seconds.

Hayles will miss the key last league meeting on February 3 as he is committed to race in the Six Hours of San Sebastian. the event in which he made his professional debut a year ago.

ago, exuded confidence before the match following an im-pressive 6-4 semi-final victory over Ebdon on Saturday in which he compiled breaks of 112 — the fiftieth century of his career — and 119. Yet against O'Sullivan, who beat him 9-3 to capture the Benson and Hedges Masters

title last February. Higgins found sizeable breaks difficult to come by and it was only O'Sullivan's tendency to take on ill-advised pots which prevented him pulling away.
O'Sullivan may have lost

O'Sullivan

hits back

as session

finishes

all square

By PHIL YATES

IOHN HIGGINS, who has defeated Stephen Hendry. Jimmy White and Peter Ebdon en route to the final of the Liverpool Victoria Charity

Challenge, found Ronnie O'Sullivan in stubborn mood

as they ended the first session

on level terms at 44 in

Higgins, successful in the

German Open four weeks

Birmingham yesterday.

his initial outing in three of the season's first four world ranking events, but he has shown a vast improvement this week and, in beating Ken Doherty 6-4 in the semi-finals, he was back to his flamboyant best. Runs of 79 and 40 secured O'Sullivan a 2-0 lead and he was unfortunate to suffer an

in the third frame when on the verge of a 3-0 advantage. Higgins cleared to the pink for 1-2; he controlled each of the next two frames and moved 4-2 ahead with a lastred-to-pink clearance in the sixth after O'Sullivan had foolishly attempted an extremely risky pink when safe-ty was undoubtedly the most

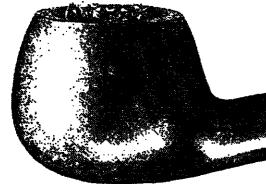
explosive 'kick' on the brown

sensible course of action. In many similar positions Higgins has forged on, but O'Sullivan crucially halted his opponent's four-frame winning sequence to trail only 3-4 and launched the highest break of the session, an 82 clearance, with a fearless long red in the eighth to salvage the

cluding session needing five of the remaining nine frames to pocket the £30,000 first prize and an additional £100,000 cheque from the sponsors to: their nominated charities.

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Corner drills pay off

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

GREAT Britain capitalised on the variations of their short corner drill to score five goals without reply against Italy in the second and final international men's hockey match at Cagliari. Sardinia, yesterday. Four out of ten corners were converted by Britain, three by Russell Garcia.

Italy tried to put more power into their attack with the experienced Giuliani moving from sweeper to centre half but several chances came Britain's way before Garcia converted the third short corner in the 23rd minute for a

lead at half time. Calum Giles scored from Britain's sixth short corner five minutes after the resumption of play and Hall obtained the third goal two minutes later after a through pass from Halls. Garcia added two more goals from short corners in the #4th and 60th minutes.

David Whitaker, the British coach, regarded the exercise as good practice in wearing down a defensive team. There will be two more matches against Malaysia at Bisham Abbey on January 13 and 14 before the team moves on to Barcelona for the Olympic qualifying tournament which starts on January 19. Britain need to finish in the top five for a place in the Olympic Games

at Atlanta in July. At Hilland at 1999; S. Basanton H. Hanson J. Ballar. A Passon J. Berella. A Gulan, S. Cumara. S. Saoch. S. Medde. A Basan Subs used S. Gin. J. Cottage, P. Baspan GREAT BRITAIN. S. Mison. J. Wyar. J. Halls., S. Footham, Fabra Tahlar. Soma Singh. C. Mayor. R. Garca. P. Trompson. J. Linden. N. Hompson Surgiusco. J. Francisco. J. Cales. D. Hall.

Chetwynde aims to net greater success CHELSIE GREENHOW has just won an Oxford Blue for

netball. Last year, while a sixth-former at Our Lady of Cherwynde School, Cumbria. she played in the national under-io netbali finals, studied for four A levels to complement 12 grade A GCSEs and assumed a leading role in Cherwynde's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Also an accomplished musician. Greenhow is not however, regarded as particularly exceptional by staff and pupils at the Barrow school.

Margaret Stones, head of the mixed, independent school for which has \$05 pupils aged from three to 18 years old. said: "I try to practise the classical concept of education — [healthy mind, healthy body, all-rounder credol and our success in netball should be seen in that context.

"We place equal importance on sport, music, art and academic work. All our girls are academic, all very hardworking and their motivation shines through when playing netball. Our aim is to do everything as well as possible.

So well that, academically the school topped the 1995 government GCSE and Alevel success-rate tables for Cumbria. Yet Stones, who is also the county schools nethall coach, is anxious to stress that her academy is no examorientated sweatshop. My girls and boys are going to have to earn livings, to have families but they also need to have a rounded, full life and to enjoy that life," she said. "Sport can help them do so." Lauren Miller is captain of

sport at the school. She is an under-to England nerball international and aiready possesses 12 GCSEs and four arts A-levels - at just 17. Again. fex eyebrows are raised. Miller is now studying

compete at top level in sport and academic achievement for four more science A-levels in a school used to rubbing shoulders with, and sometimes beating, celebrated, high-profile rivals such as Millfield and Croydon High in the annual national schools

nethall finals. Holding their own against such sizeable, intensely competitive opposition is remarkable, considering Chetwynde only started admitting senior girls - all ten of them - in

Even today, there are a mere 120 girls over 11 on the register. By 1988, though, Chetwynde lost just 9-7 to Millfield in the national schools under-14 final - "and we had a goal disallowed." Stones recalled. Chetwynde proceeded in similar giant-

HABERDASHERS' Aske's.

Elstree, returned exhausted

but successful from their

multisports tour of the Far

East winning II out of 20

cricket, hockey and rugby

union matches against repre-

sentative sides in Hong Kong,

Singapore and Malaysia (a

Special Correspondent

Ten fixtures within the ini-

tial five days dispelled any

illusions that the tour would

be a serene holiday. However.

despite 80F heat and 90 per

cent humidity, the rugby side

rattled up 159 points in three

games, the hockey team

achieved its maiden conquest

on foreign soil after four

previous tours, and a century

Cricket Club, venue of the

Hong Kong sixes, was the

Simon Bloom at Kowloon

writes).



Louise Taylor says motivation helped a small independent

killing mode throughout the subsequent decade. Each year, 3,000 schools

enter the national finals and in 1989. Chetwynde eclipsed all to earn gold medals at under-l6 level. They repeated the feat in 1990, and a year later, the under-14s did likewise, while

Haberdashers' tour success

Christmas Eve was spent

on Lamma Island, which

preceded an evening of carol

singing beneath the famous

Star Ferry clock tower in the

midst of a crowd approaching

Five matches were played

in two days in Singapore, one

of which pitted the rugby XV

against the size and strength

of the under-23 national side.

Despite a 22-7 defeat, the

game illustrated the resil-

ience, commitment and team

spirit within the squad. The

hockey team reached new

heights with a 4-0 win over

Singapore Under-21, revers-

ing their 1-0 defeat the previ-

The final leg of the trip was

Malaysia, a paradise for the

ous day.

on the cricket front.

highlight of an excellent start shoppers in the party and the

Then, in 1993, the under-19s collected gold - from a 20-girl

sixthform. 1994 saw the under-19s repeat that feat and the under-lés recapture gold. When Stones rang BBC Northwest TV to see if they would feature her school on the nightly regional evening magazine, however, the overwhelming lack of interest proved "disappointing." Espe-cially as they featured schools rugby the next night, Stones

Not that she has anything against rugby — along with football, cricket, voileyball, table tennis, swimming and squash, it is one of a crosssection of sports played at Cherwynde and her two sons

scene of a magnificently con-

tested draw against Malay-sia's youth side at the national

hockey stadium - Haber-

dashers equaliser coming in

the last minute - and a

victory for the cricketers over

the Kuala Lumpur branch of

The cricket team finished

with a record of played seven.

won five. lost two: hockey

played seven, won two, drawn

two, lost three: and rugby

played six, won four, drawn

Players of the tour, as

chosen by the staff and cap-tains, were Sachin Shah,

Zaheer Ferguson and Ben

Lambert in the respective

sports, but all 42 members of

the party were left with mem-

ories that will last a lifetime.

the Lord's Taverners.

one, lost one.

come hooked on the game. They see how physically and tactically demanding it is," she Last Saturday, Stones, and her husband Christopher, who is head of art and deputy county schools netball coach, took two thirds of the school's senior girls on a 2½ -hour eachway drive to a tournament in Manchester. Such trips often

entail a 6.30am start but

Stones is gratified that she has

never had a girl, some of

towards daughters have be-

whom come from isolated villages and farms, fail to turn up for a match. At tournaments, the team is often recognised by "the Chetwynde throw". "People come up to old girls and say. you're a Cherwynde girl, I can see from the throw," Stones laughed. "The throw is part of our power game, we are very physically fit and play a fast direct form of netball. I believe

in taking the shortest possible route to goal." If Chetwynde may, thus, be considered a Wimbledon to Millfield's Manchester United, they also boast a cultured veneer. An English teacher by profession Stones - who has been at Chetwynde for "a long time" - is anxious to ensure her pupils enjoy regular trips to theatre at Stratford and art exhibitions in London.

On Friday she was at the Hockney Exhibition. "I believe that it is very important to stay mentally alert in order to keep yourself dynamic and if you live in a remote part of the country you have to be prepared to travel."

In some cases, even further than that famed Chetwynde

trigued to observe how, in the rugby league bastion of Bar-row, fathers who initially attended netball only out of duty



One Man confirms grey eminence

By Julian Muscat

YEAR in, year out, jumping enthusiasts travel to Cheltenham in search of the defining moment. There were many false dawns before Desert Orchid finally rewarded the faithful with his Gold Cup victory in 1989. Now, seven years later, another grey. another ghost-like apparition, has appeared in the shape of One Man.

You could sense the weight of expectation long before the eight-year-old soared clean over the 22nd and final fence in the King George VI Tripleprint Chase at Sandown on Saturday. It proved conclusively that he meant business. He is more than a bully of lesser mortals, as some sus-pected in advance of his destruction of as accomplished a gathering of steeplechasers in

many a year.
For Richard Dunwoody, realisation set in well before haifway. Dunwoody glanced over at Adrian Maguire, riding Barton Bank, his nearest market rival, and ventured: We're not going much of a gallop, are we?"

Maguire's response was unprintable. As Barton Bank strained to hold his pitch. One Man sauntered past him, his pointed, flicking stride carrying him ever closer to the lead. It was no contest from half way, when One Man reached his favoured place at the head

Sandown Park

Going: good to soft

the rout extended 14 lengths back to Monsieur Le Cure. who held off Master Oats, last season's Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, for third place.

The performance was yesterday lauded by Christopher Mordaum, the official handicapper. "With Monsieur Le Cure finishing second, it slightly makes you wonder about the form," he said. "Nevertheless, One Man was

2.30 KING GEORGE VI TRIPLEPRINT CHASE (Grade 1: 263,835: 3m)

1. ONE MAN (R Durwoody, 11-4 tav); 2, Monsteur La Cure (J F Titley, 25-1); 3. Master Oats (C Swen, 9-2), ALSO FAN: 4 Berton Bank (pu), Merry Gale (pu), 10 Brief Gale (pu), Vai D'Alene (401), 20 Algan (611), Book Of Music (I), Young-Hustler (5th), 33 Coutton, 11 ran, 141, 31, 41, 41, 251, G Richarde at Greystolus, Tatar E3 60; 21.80, 23.30, 22.90, DF: 222.70, Trio: £54.90, CSF: £50.83.

very impressive but what does one do now? Does one rate him an absolute superstar before he has won a Gold

Gordon Richards, who

trains the horse, was in no doubt. "I won't say he's a champion, I'll let him prove that for himself. What I will say is that there is better to come. The weather had held up his training; I was worried about his fitness. He jumped of the pack. The grey was by terrific, but he'll be even better now in exhibition mode and on good ground," Richards

continued: "If we get it at Cheltenham you'll see a proper athlete. He loves to be up there in front. It comes naturally to him."

One Man is now a bestpriced 7-4 favourite for Gold Cup glory — Ladbrokes offer only 5-4 — although Kim Bailey remains optimistic he can reverse the verdict in

Bailey, whose Book Of

Music broke his back after falling heavily at the seventh fence, was delighted with Master Oats after the gelding's dismal showing at Chepsiow. "I don't consider we've even gone into battle yet. Cheltenham will suit us better, we've an extra quarter of a mile to race and my horse was only 75 per cent right," he said. The Irish Gold Cup at

Leopardstown on February 4 is next for Master Oats. Richards, for his part, is keen to send One Man to Cheltenham on a Gold Cup reconaissance mission later this month. However, the fixture may come too soon after the horse's recent exertions. "I'd like to give him a short break, so we'll look at the alternatives."

One Man has a glittering future on the evidence of his King George victory. After his performance on Saturday, few will back against him becoming only the sixth horse since the War to land the King George-Gold Cup double in



Hannon reveals Champion hand

By JULIAN MUSCAT

RICHARD HANNON, the next month's Kingwell Hur-East Everleigh trainer, die at Wincanton and a blooded the first of two Champion Hurdle aspirants at Sandown on Saturday when Right Win. a group one winner on the Flat. swept to an impressive victory in the ING Barings Tolworth Hurdle on his debut over timber.

On a star-studded sunporting card, no horse promised more than the talented six-year-old, now a 16-1 chance for the hurdling crown in March. Right Win's jumping was polished enough to keem him in contention before his superior finishing speed carried him clear of Strong Promise

and Shankar. River North, a horse of similar mettle on the Flat, held a prominent position before fading tamely in the

straight Hannon barely paid Right Win his dues before extolling the virtues of Alriffa, who, according to the trainer, is the more natural jumper. "1 can't wait to see Airiffa over hurdles after that," Hannon said. They're both highclass horses. Right Win has had to learn from his mistakes at home but Alriffa has always jumped for fun." Right Win now heads for

meeting with Alderbrook. who has recovered from a leg injury. The horse is back in fast work and I would say he is more forward now than he was this time last year," his trainer, Kim Bailey, said. Alderbrook's victory at Cheltenham has clearly triggered an influx of smart Flat performers to jumping. Atours held his place as

third-favourite for the RICHARD EVANS

Nap: JURASSIC CLASSIC (3.30 Lingfield Park) Nb: Garrison Commander (2.00 Lingfield Park)

Champion Hurdle despite his comprehensive defeat by print Limited Handicap Hurdie on Saturday.

The winner, in receipt of 14lb from Atours, is now 4-1 favourite for The Ladbroke at Leopardstown on Saturday. The Champion Hurdle picture should take on further definition when Montelado tackies the Irish equivalent at Leopardstown later this month.

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12.25 (2m. 110yd hole) 1, Theelan (E Murphy, 7-2), 2, Ocean Hawk (14-1), 3, Resignesque (68-1), Our Kris 7-4 tax. 17 ran. 7, 151. Ledy Herries, Tota: £480; £2.10, £4.00, £12.70 DF: £78.40. CSF: £53.42. Tho: had won (pool of £713.07 csarled forward to today).
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Jackpot: not won (pool of £13,968.75 carried forward to Lingfield Park today).

Placepot: £204.50. Quadpot: £12.30. Haydock Park 12.00 1, What's Your Story (7-4 fav); 2, Samlee (5-1); 3, Chopwell Curtains (5-2), 11 12.50 1, Silver Shred (11-2); 2, Guinda (7-1); 3, Mr Cotion Socies (8-1). Crown Equany 7-4

fav. 14 ran. 1.00 1, Smith's Bend (11-4 g-fav); 2, Toogood To Be True (13-2); 3, Tasancas (8-1). The Frog Prince 11-4 g-fav. 10 ran. 1.30 1, Thomton Gate (5-2 g-fav); 2, Stornoin (12-1); 3, Aljadeer (12-1). Eskimo Nel 5-2 2.00 1, Easy Buck (11-8 lav); 2, Eliasi (25-1)

2.35 1, Hebrham Boy (4-1); 2, Jet Rules (6-5 fav); 3, Hocoluthier (8-7); 10 ran. 3.05 1, Ask Tom (6-5 fav); 2, Cumbrien Challenge (13-8); 3, Hawldied (20-1); 4 ran. 3.40 1, El Rublo (18-1); 2, Hazel Gala (6-1); 3, Sik (Worl (16-1) Ashael Boy 2-1 fav (1), 12 ran. NR: Master Pangloss.

Warwick 12.05 1, Born To Be Wild (15-8 lav); 2, in Good Faith (100-30); 3, Belle Sedona (7-1) 15 ran.

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12.35 1, Most Equal (7-1); 2, Kino's Cross (8-1); 3, Morstock (3-1 isw), 12 ran, NR Joslins, Pempillo.
1.05 1, Castle Court (8-1); 2, Capensiaty (12-1); 3, Shining Light (6-1), Jibber Title Kipber Evens Isw. 9 ran. 1.35 1, Draborgle (10-11 lav); 2, Stop The Wester (10-1); 3, Kittinger (33-1); 4, Some Day Soon (18-1), 17 san. NR: Mutual Trust. 2.10 1. Nebithen Lad (Sens. iss); 2, With Impurity (3-4); 3. Where's Wille (14-1). 9 ran. 2.40 1. Volunteer (15-2); 2. Indicator (10-1); 3. Healthyards Rock; (14-1). Renne De La Chasse 9-4 law (pu), 14 ran. 3,101, Full Of Oats (4-1); 2, Killeshin (20-1); 3, Riddlers Pike (33-1). Nazzaro 7-2 fav. 12 ren. NP: Diamond Fort.

Lingfield Park 12.15 1, Mylinka (11-2); 2, Awasha (5-1); 3, Plary Footsisps (25-1). Thick As Trileves 3-1 tev. 12 ran. NR Bold Aristocrat. 12.45 1, Tarten Gem (10-11 fav); 2, Jobber's Fiddle (8-1); 3, Duveen (15-2); 10 ran. NR. Just-Marie-Mou.

1,15 1, Ballynakelly (100-30); 2, Opera Bull (8-4 fav); 3, Prince Danzig (20-1). 10 ran. 1.45 1, Krystel Mex (11-8 lav); 2, Dencing Jack (7-4)-3, Ghostly Aspertion (14-1), 4 am. 2.15 1, Posen Gold (13-8); 2 in The Band (Evens tay); 3, Bath Knight (12-1). 6 ran. 2.45 1, Sharp Imp (4-1), 2. Halbert (5-1); 3, Nivasha (20-1). Al Sheetl 7-2 fav. 10 ran. NR: Diamond Bangle, Rocky Two. 3.20 1, Raids (6-1); 2. Crystel Heights (9-1); 3. Passy Grimes (10-1). Field Of Vision 4-1 lav. 15 rsn.

☐ David Bridgwater rode the first four-timer of his career on Saturday aboard Born To Be Wild, Most Equal, Drahorgie and Volunteer at odds of 372-1.

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Dispensing swift justice as if to the manners born

7 ith the imminent accession of Lord Wakeham to the top spot in racing administration as chairman of the British Horseracing Board, it is tempting to compare the democratic morass of quangos and committees he will inherit with the rather more streamlined, elitist and autocratic demesne over which his aristocratic predecessors were lucky enough to preside.

So far as horsemen, as

opposed to accountants and petits functionnaires, are concerned, the change cannot be said to have been all for the good of the sport, however much it may please those who refer to racing as the "prod-uct" of an "industry". For instance, there would have been no necessity in former days for breeders to plead for representation among the hirarchy since it was highly unlikely that anyone could aspire to the post of senior steward if he was not a breeder himself.

The functions of the "disci-

olinary committee", an appellation reminiscent of the regimes of Stalin, Robespierre and Danton, so far as they concerned riding offences, were carried out behind the scenes by the effective alliance of a highly respected senior stipendiary steward, Brigadier Roscoe Harvey, and the senior jockeys, Gordon Richards in the south and Willie Nevett in the north. It was unwise to ignore a "quiet word" from them, as the young Lester Piggott discovered to his cost. This system worked, and saved a lot of time and expense, and avoided adverse publicity.

Justice for trainers and jockeys alike was undeniably rough, but penalties on the whole were well earned, if not always for the particular misdemeanour for which they were imposed. I remember a trainer being fined a minimal sum for the misbehaviour of his animal at the start, and then being wheeled back instantly into the presence of Lord Galway to receive an

larger fine "for the attitude he adopted at the enquiry". Administration, which seemed to go pretty smoothly. was in the hands of Sir

imperial rocket and a much



commentary

Francis Weatherby, whose staff at Cavendish Square appeared to consist solely of the Dickensian figure of Mr Twite, standing in a stiff white collar at an upright desk armed with a quill pen and a

bottle of black ink. Handicappers in those days never made statements to the press, apart from their own printed handicaps, and cer-tainly not on the relative merit of horses of different generations, let alone of those in other countries.

The only public statement I ever heard from Geoffrey

Freer, the senior handicapper of the day, was that anyone who made a positive statement about racing in the morning was likely to be proved completely wrong by the time of the last race on the same day.

Racing today seems to suffer under an administrative burden comparable to that of the ceremonial Spanish donkey. Certain it is that a new trainer, quite apart from getting owners and horses, must arm himself with over 50 forms, few of which come from the Government, before he can set up in business.

With all their autocratic powers, the old-time stewards and their officials were still subject to sanction, if only in the form of enforced resignation or social ostracism. On the few occasions on

which I have met Lord Wakeham, he strikes me as most unlikely to cause unwelcome turbulence, but it might pay him to study these few lines which illustrate today's protocol in the event of disaster.

When you're out in the wild, and as lost as a child, And death looks you straight in the eye, And you're sore as a boil, it's according to Hoyle.

That you cock your revolver and die. But the code of New Man says, Lie all you can

And prompt resignation is barred. In sorrow and woe, it's dead easy to blow Its the keeping on living

Rudyard Kipling, or the Artful Dodger?

SOUTHWELL

12.25 Beauman, 12.50 Legal Issue, 1.15 Green's Bid. 1.45 People Direct 2.15 Yougo, 2.45 RAMBO'S HALL (nap), 3.15 Loch Style, 3.45 Whackford

Draw: 7F-1M, Low Numbers Best

12.25 TIPPERARY APPRENTICES HANDICAP

(Div 1: £2,235: 1m) (10 runners) (5) 000- GREAT BEAR 27 (G) D Chapman 4-10-0... K Shed (S) 84 (9) 02-2 BEALMAN 5 (D.S) F Scars 6-10-0... K Shed (S) 27 (B.CD.F.S.S) 5 Gallings 6-8-13 A Editory 92 (4) 405- ANOTHERDINE TO NOTE 20 (B) N Literagen 5-8-11 (6) 000- LADYBOWER 77 Lord Hurstaggins 48-8 Almes Cook (10) U19- SCENT OF POMER 28J (DJF) N Batterge 5-8-7 Lord Nerels 85

9 (3) 000- CAPOL AGAM 23 M Bycod 4-8-3 _______ F Lynch 94
10 (7) 002- GREEN APACHE 159 K Wingroup 4-7-10 ___ J Bositey (7) 91

5-2 Beauman, 11-4 East Barns, 4-1 Anniherone To Note, 9-2 Green Apache, 8-1 Scent Ol Power, 10-1 Ladybower, 14-1 others.

12.50 WICKLOW HANDICAP

(Div 1: £2,807: 7f) (10) 1 (7) 112- PERGY SPENCER 38 (C.D.G) C Thomas 4-9-10 (8) 410- LEGAL ISSUE 117 (D.F) W Haigh 4-9-6. Die Eilbann (9) 456- SD AMAZDIG 60 Mes S Neid 4-9-3. J Webers 94 (2) 000- DAAMC 67 (V.D.G.S) Mins V Accordity 5-9-2. M Dentity 67 (S) 000- GREY AGAIN 125 (B.D.G.) S Bowned 4-9-2 C Tegator (5) 94 (356- H ROCK 30 (7) M Carredty 6-4-5. L Charnock 91 (1) 005- SEA (500 45 M Chapters 5-8-4. C Manday (7) 90 (6) 000- CROMPAINS THIO 20 Mes N Matcadey 4-7-10. J Quint (10) ADC AMAZAROON LADY 112 M Byzerd 5-7-10. S Malmany (7) (3) 000- WDODLANDS ELECTRIC 42 P Prichard 6-7-10. In Humann (7)

7-4 Peggy Spencer, 11-4 So Amstang, 9-2 Legal Issue, 6-1 Hi Rock, 8-1 Sea God, 12-1 Grey Again, Daswe, 16-1 others.

1.15 TIPPERARY APPRENTICES HANDICAP (Div 11: £2,235: 1m) (9)

7-4 Green's Bed, 3-1 Warberst, 5-1 Danta, 6-1 Lucky Tucky, Young Bensow, 8-1 Genesis Four, 20-1 Shouley Again, 25-1 others.

1.45 LIMERICK CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,572: 1m) (8)

9-4 People Direct, 5-2 Arch Angel, 4-1 Bernbletott, Havana Hellytis, 8-1 Cancing Casalter, 16-1 Alpheton Prince, 20-1 others.

2.15 WATERFORD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (£2,572: 1m 4f) (10)

ARES (22,372: 111 44) (107)

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80 /02- MCX THE BISCUT 355 R Pullips 5-9-3. A Clark.

10 430- MEMER TIME 50 Mrs V Acceler 4-9-13. A Contame (9) 4- TAMPAR 48 R Hollischaut 4-9-13. P Cochrane (6) 530- VOUIGO 35 M Interior 4-8-13. J Wester (7) 000- ZESTI 398 I Clarmer 4-8-13. J Stack (3) 14 ON BURROUGH HEL LASS 515 (V) Mrs N Macader 6-9-12. S Sander. 10 (3) 000- ZALAMENT 20 % Littmodes 4-8-8...... T 6 McLaughlin 6-4 Neck The Biscuil, 73-4 Yaogo, 5-1 Zesti, 6-1 Taniyar, 8-1 FN Be Bourd, 12-1 Name Tona, 20-1 Zalament, 25-1 others

2.45 KILDARE HANDICAP (£3,831: 1m 3f) (11) (6) 095- RAMBO'S HALL 38 (F.G.S.) J Glover 11-10-0 S D Williams (9) 024- MASIC JUNCTION 61 (6) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-10

3.15 KERRY SELLING STAKES (Qualifier: 3-Y-Q: £2,607: 7f) (13)

(5) 128- DRASONIOY 39 (B.CD.S) J Payme 9-5 ... A McSlone 93 (1) 5- ADLER 30 M Carracto 9-0 ... L Charmock 65 (6) 6- GUY'S GAMBLE 27 J Whenton 9-0 ... J Faming 109 844- LOCH STYLE 77 Hollinsteed 9-0 ... R Cochrane 69 (2) 350- MTEOWA RAIDER 37 J A Harrs 9-0 ... C Yeague (6) 944 (2) 530- MTEOWA RAIDER 37 J A Harrs 9-0 ... C Yeague (6) 94 (2) 530- STELL HERE 1000 M Helph-Eils 9-0 ... C Rustre 96 (12) 30-0 ERPETITE 3 N Byeroll 8-9 ... S Malconey 91 (17) 60- ROURNEW R 7J L Harris 8-9 ... S T Malconey 91 (17) 60- ROURNEW R 7J L Harris 8-9 ... S D Williams 75 (17) 60- NAPIER STAR 21 Mrs N Abscadey 8-9 ... S D Williams 75 (17) 60- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 92 (3) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 92 (3) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 93 J Colins 94 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 95 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 95 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 95 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 95 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- STELLY NEGHT 82 J Whaton 6-9 ... J Colins 96 (4) 600- 7-2 Diagonjoy, 4-1 Missout Rader, 5-1 Stilly Night, Florrie'm, 8-1 Lock Style, Still Here, 10-1 Welen Melody, 12-1 others

3.45 WICKLOW HANDICAP (DIV 8: \$2,807: 7f) (9) (8) 000- WHITE SDRREL 45 (C.S) A Harrison 5-10-0 J Stack (3) 98 (9) 50-0 WHACKFORD SQUEERS 3 (8) D Nacholis 4-9-12 (2) 300- DON'T SET CAUGHT 27 J L Harris 4-9-4. J F Egan 91 (7) 60- SEDLY 55 (8) J Scapid 4-8-13. J Faroning 80 (4) 004- MONS 27 (F) J Baiding 5-8-13. J Extramols (7) (8) (5) 004- MONESOME VENTURE SEJ (0.5) M Chapman 6-9-13

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRASHERS: R Akahusi, 6 winders from 19 numes, 31 6%; K McMallin, 3 iron 13, 23.1%; Lord Huntiaglico, 21 from 100, 21%; W Musson, 6 from 31, 19.4%; M Johnston, 30 from 164, 18.3%, W Haigh, 18 from 111, 16.2%. 10 Upp 111, 10,24.

DCKEYS: J Weaver, 32 winners from 185 rides, 17,3%; R Cochrane, 23 from 139, 16,5%; D McKeows, 33 from 247, 13,4%, Alex Graves, 23 from 172, 13,4%, C Teague, 9 from 80, 11,3%. Only qualifiers,

BUNKSRED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park; 3.30 Bramblehik Buck. Southwelt: 2 15 Burrough Hill Lass, 3.45 Geofly.

THUNDERER 2.30 Children's Choice 1.00 Supreme Genotin 3.00 Foxtrot Romeo 1.30 Valiant Toski 3.30 The Golfing Curate 2.00 Garrison Commander

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 BASSENHALLY.

GOING: HEAVY (7AM PRECAUTIONARY INSPECTION) 1.00 RAMPART MATIONAL HUNT MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,647: 2m 110yd) (15 runners)

BETTING: 5-2 Mister Monose, 4-1 Glanguril Get, High Massic, 5-1 Supreme Garrolle, 6-1 others.

1995; REESHLOCH 6-11-0 D Fast (4-11 tar) A Toront 8 rat

FORM FOCUS

AMBLESIDE 374/1 6th to Carl Equivarize in movine landle at Chapaton (2m. good). HOH MUSIC 244 and to John Druman in Dismasser MH did tace (2m. 110yd, beauty). GLENGARRE SERI. 254 and to Dutes Mention in 110yd, good). MSTER MOROSE beat Softwarend Moss 4f in NH flat race hard (2m. 110yd, heavy). Hos selection



Sanders hurt

AMANDA SANDERS, injured in a fall from Slivovitz at Lingfield on Saturday, has been detained in Redhill Hospital, Dorking. The duty manager said yesterday: "She is comfortable and stable, but had severe concussion after a head injury and will be detained for a further night."

Recreated auxiliars. Sin-ligure form (F — Indi. P — Indi. P — Indiand up. U — anisonage indict. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — released. D — Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to stort, business in the property of the property of the property of the property. Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and distance without C — course where D — distance without. C — course and distance where I — through the plus any allowance. The Tirus of Physical C — course and distance without C — course and distance course without C — course and distance course **1.30 MOAT SELLING HURDLE** (£2,002: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)

BETTING: 4-5 Valuet Toyld, 4-1 Februare, 5-1 Desert President, 7-1 Chryspor, 12-1 Refig, 14-1 offers. 1985: READY TO DRUM 6-11-11 D O'Sulfren (8-15 tar) R O'Sulfren 11 rss

VALUART TOSIG best Liber 11 in 11-conner course and distance saling bardia (Decay) with DESERT PRESIDENT (Bib bester off) 20 4th, RARRI bailed off 5th in Head For Heaves in Footbest saling bundle (2m 2, soff), CHOWPUR best effort 4t 2nd Selection: VALIART TUSK! 2.00 FORT NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£4,002: 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)

Long handcap: Lo-Plying Missille 9-5

BETTING: 7-2 Genteon Commander; 5-1 Femelick, 6-1 Tales By Storm, Rhage Blez, 7-1 Anders, 8-1 Polisconter, Prints, 10-1 others. 1995; COUNTERBALANCE 9-11-7 \$ McKatil (5-1) J McConnocte: 8 nm

CORLY SPECIAL 31 3rd of 7 to Shekas Hikoresi is a conditional Jockeys' impodestar classe at Huming-don (2m of 110yel, good in seri). AEDEAN local POLICENANS PRIBLE (3th before oil) 91 in 7-mones polices' invalidate please there (2m, heavy). FEH-WICK (but Cookers 14) or 12-mones monitors' heavy. FEH-WICK (but Cookers 14) or 12-mones monitors' heavy. FEH-WICK (3th better oil) 1-4 (5th b

2.30 KEEP NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,414: 2m 110yd) (10 numers) ## ACCE RUVINES TRANSPARAT TRUTIFIE (2.4.14. cit) 110/00 (10 tuttes) 5 |
E James 95 |
E BETTINE: 2-1 Yubraice, 3-1 Caverra Boy. 9-2 Lord Wellington, 6-1 Basserhally, 7-1 Children's Choice, 8-1 Alacan, 10-1 others. 1995: PHROSE 5-10-1 M Pertah (9-4 law) C Weedon 10 ran FORM FOCUS

CAMARRA BOY beal Prairie Grove 19/1 in Hertlord another notes' novices' handless handle (2m.
11, good to soit). YUBRALEE hest Handson 71 in
14-rumer Tamien novices' selling hurdle (2m. 11,
good). LORD WELLINGTON distance 4th of 7 to
Sheriff in Bangor sovice handle (2m. 11, good).

BASSENHALLY 13941 4th of 8 to Storm North la
Wortesche novice hundle (2m. 41, good to firm)
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110yrd, good to firm) penultrante start.
110yrd, good to firm) penultrante start.
Selection: YUBRALEE 3.00 PORTCULLIS AMATEUR RIDERS MOVICES HURDLE (£2,594: 2m 7f) (15 nunners)

BETTING: 11-4 Fourer Romen, 3-1 French Back, 9-2 Julians, 7-1 Mass Mostly Cals. Topolog Along, 10-1 Captain Cop, 12-1 others. 1985: SO HOPEFUL 6-11-5 G Shenion (5-2 lav) Mits J Remires-Barros: 14 ras. CAPTAIN CUE 6941 3rd of 9 to Preenta Girl to bask effort 181 3rd of 18 to Supreme Genetics in Netherland placed of Folkestone (2m 61 110)rd, good) FOKTROT ROMEO 4941 4th of 15 to Methodo (2m 1

COURSE SPECIALISTS 455 D Bridgester 38.5 R Dutemody 36.8 J Osborne 32.1 T Granifiem 26.6 A Magaine 36 27.8 46 26.1 44 25.0 28 25.0 104 22.1

3.30 DAVE FREEMAN MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE

(\$2,929: 3m) (13 TURNES)

BIT F11U2-4 JURASSIC CLASSIC 37 (\$) (B Seal) Mrs L Rectards 9-12-0 ... M. Rectards 98

602 35-1111: BRANBLEHILL BUCK 28 (B.S.) (P Barber) P Nacholls 7-11-12.... A P McCoy 96

603 40-P405 ANNIO CHLONE 27 (D.6.8) (Aless J Sensial) J Gritord 10-11-10. L Aspell (5) 98

604 695-9 53.47EMIN 39 (B.D.G.S.) (S Burded) S Zarie 10-11-10. L C Maudio 98

605 1-00-95-9 SCOTONI 32 (C.F.R.S.) (D 6 & D J Robbisson') R O'Salibean 10-11-7 B Powell 95

606 120-P5-1 AURROS PRINCE 40 (D.6.S.) (A Zaimpalo) Miss A Embiricies 11-11-6 J Rysas 95

607 09-00-4-3 THE SOLFING CURATE 27 (S) (C Powel) R Raves 11-11-3 ... D O'Salibean 98

608 342-6-5 ROYAL SEGUS 55 (Ales N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 9-10-13 ... P Robbis 98

610 349-7-5 (D'AL'S TENSFOT 19 (D.F.G.S) (Ales J Males) J Brazilley 9-10-6 R Johnson (3) (8)

611 BISSIPP ZAMIL 333 (B.S.) (D Write) R Robbis 1-10-14 ... R Sognil 98

612 322-500 MBSS FERN 23 (C.D.F.G.S.) (Mrs P Andrews) R Dictor 11-10-1 ... D Missigh 90

613 ULIP TELF 23 (P Clarke) P Clarke 16-10-0 ... B France (5) - Down Invalidation 16-11-10. Loru handicae: Tell 8-3.

BETTINE: 7-2 Bernstehill Back, 4-1 Stwerino, 5-1 Jurassic Classic, 6-1 The Golding Curate, 7-1 Royal Segos, 8-1 Annio Chilline, 10-1 others, 1985: WOODLANDS BOY 7-10-6 A S Smith (9-1) R Hoad 11 ran FORM FOCUS

BRAMBLEHUL BUCK best Clear Man 5 to hand-cap class at Newton Abbut (2m 5t 110yd. solt). Earlier heat Smiling Chief 5 in 7-vanter united brodings chief 31 in 7-vanter united solt) with RDYAL SEGOS (12th bests off) 3. 3rd. ANBUD CHILONE 1244 5th of 8 to Equity Player in Follostice brodings class (3m 2, good). SEVER-BIO 44 2nd of 15 to Herwell Lod in Bests handlesp 4.00 LEVY BOARD STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,404: 2m 110yd) (20 runners)

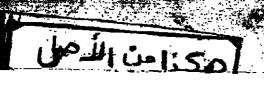
2m 110yd) (20 numers)

O BEXEROYE MAN 303 (Sx Andrew Loyd Webber) J Old 6-11-4 J Osborne
4 FERRIERS 18 (J Burt) Mrs P Sry 5-1-4 R Marry
5 R-14-96 SUNDIER 61 (R Green) D Micholson 5-11-4 R Massey (s)
6 FEAT STUFF (Uplands Bloodshock) C Brooks 5-11-4 R Massey (s)
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MALL BAY SAM (MRI Bay Purp & Turbine Repar Col Mrs M Jones 5-11-4 D Byrne
MALLESTORD (Arts D Fletters) N Scacele 5-11-4 F Cooper (7)
6 SYSTIC MARCH (D Bell) P Rodinol 5-11-4 S Business
12 PALISANTIO 23 (B Mignerick) M Pope 6-11-4 D Byrne
13 PRUS PROCHE 55 (G Gester Profess Lth) N (Wester-Dovies 5-11-4 Mr M Remell
14 STEINT (Court K Goess-Sargar) J Ott 6-11-4 T Grandbarn
15 SPRINT (COURT K Goess-Sargar) J Ott 6-11-4 Mr M Remell
15 COMPATIONAL (S MRS) Replace) D Williams 6-11-4 M Carte (7)
15 COMPATIONAL (R MRS STEAL (R Mysel) J Green (10-13) D Months
16 J PUTS SPECIAL 3-6 M/S C Zeite-Heisel N (Webls 6-10-13) B Ferbors (5)
15 PITTS SPECIAL 3-6 M/S C Zeite-Heisel N (Webls 6-10-13 B Fronton (5)
15 PITTS SPECIAL 3-6 M/S C Zeite-Heisel N (Webls 6-10-13 B Houter)
16 SABUTELES (6) Web J Poullon 1-10-1 Bent (10-1) Gent Sall, Professor, 7-2 Flying Guesser, 5-1 Spring Double, 6-1 Spiec, 8-1 Ferrors, 10-1 Gent Sall, Professor, 7-2 Flying Guesser, 5-1 Spring Double, 6-1 Spiec, 8-1 Ferrors, 10-1 Gent Sall, Professor

BETTURG: 2-1 Palacanto, 7-2 Flying Gazeer, 5-1 Spring Double, 6-1 SpRint, 8-1 Femers, 10-1 Gessi Staff, Profs Profiles, 12-1 Pins Special, May Magalla, 16-1 others 1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BDXGROWE MAIN 151 7th of 22 to Line QI Con-quest at Sangamir Ref Bat race (2m 110yd, soll). FERRERS 244 4th of 17 to Miske Morrose in course and gestance Net Ref race (heavy). FLYING GUN-NER 66 6th of 18 to Mode Prace is NH Ref race at Wornaster (2m, good to firm). PALOSANTO 41 2nd



Ruth Gledhill on a dedicated band of would-be Olympic athletes who train in tailcoats or spangled gowns

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Serious, strenuous and strictly ballroom

housands of people go ballroom dancing in Great Britain's 8,000 dance schools and halls each week. For most, it is primarily a way to meet new people and enjoy a night out with music to move to.

However, for a dedicated minority, ballroom dancing is not a social activity. It is a sport; and to this sport they bring the fierce competitive spirit, intensive training routines and obsessional enthusiasm more commonly aswith running, rugby, swimming or football.

Many still regard competitive ballroom dancing, or "dance sport" as its practitioners call it, as something of a joke. Some would deny watching the BBC's Come Dancing series. However, that public perception could be about to change. To the relief of some, the BBC has dropped Come Dancing, which many daneers believe failed to portray a normal competition accurate ly. Also, After 14 years of intensive lobbying, ballroom has been granted provisional recognition as a sport by the International Olympic Committee. It will come up again for full recognition in two years and, according to Rita Thomas, of the International Dance Sport Federation, this is expected to be given.

The world's top dancers can expect to compete at the millennial Olympics in Sydney. Australia, which should boost the sport's popularity world-wide — and. if Britain's dancers maintain their present standards, they should claim many of the medals.

For anyone starting out, be prepared to work hard and keep fit." Thomas said. "The top couples do a lot of physical training, as well as dancing, to build up their stamina; but there are rewards. Our couples are invited abroad to compete. They make friends

The sport is rare in demanding dependency between partners. Each must sparkle individually to win, but also relies on the other for a good performance. The poise, elegance and control required mean that muscles are used in a way not seen in any other

In Britain, sponsorship is harder to find than in almost any other developed country. because of the sport's image.



Professional poise: Timothy Howson and Joanne Bolton

However, although dance by the bug, there is no limit to sport can cost thousands of how much time and money can be spent in training and pounds for amateur couples at the top, for beginners, it is travelling to competitions comparatively cheap, with group lessons in many schools worldwide Joanne Bolton, 23, has costing as little as £5 an hour. danced for 20 years; Timothy Lovita Salisbury, 16, and

Howson, her partner, for 19 years. Until a few weeks ago, when they turned professional, they were Britain's top amateur couple. Now, they are in training for their first big professional competition, the Star Ball at the Grosvenor in London on Wednesday.

ike most of Britain's top couples, Bolton and Howson were dancing almost as soon as they could walk. Bolton's parents channelled her childish energy by taking her to their dance clas where she was an instant hit. She began competing at six,

Bristol, and compete at dancing with another girl. To cater for beginners and There weren't many boys novices, the next grade up. who wanted to do it," she said. At 14, she found a boy partner evening "lounge clothes" comand, within two months, they petitions, which are cheap to won the international open enter. Yet for those truly bitten youth championship, going on



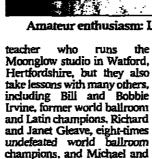
DANCEFACTS

all ages, from juveniles to over-50s. Those starting in mid-life can enter the over-35s "senior competitions. It is never too late to learn, al though would-be profes-sionals should begin as young as possible. Beinners interested in social dancing only should check their local library or newspaper for details of the nearest school. For competitive dancing or any other information, contact the British Council of Baliroom Dancing on 0181-545 0085.

to win the British open youth amateur modern. Howson and Bolton got to know each other at competitions. "We decided to become partners 4½ years ago," Bolton said. "It was a risk because Tim was several inches taller than me. and there were adjustments to

They rapidly danced their way to the top, winning the British open amateur title three years in a row and defeating 500 couples from all over the world, including an influx of talent from the former Soviet Union, where ballroom dancing has become hugely fashionable. They have also won the international championship at the Albert Hall for three years, including last October, prompting their decision to mark the new ye

by turning professional. Their training schedule is hectic. Besides working out regularly in a gym at their home in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, they dance during the week and all week-end. Their main coach is Ernie Chatt, a top judge and dance



She is fortunate to have a

sells them on at between £1,600 and £1,900 each. Because Bolton is petite, many go to Japan, where, as in Germany, dance sport is pursued passionately by members Vicky Barr, five-times world of all social classes. ballroom champions. "We take the information we have learnt from them, go back to our coach and spend hours analysing it," Bolton said.

Yet even with sponsorship, life as an amateur champion is not cheap. Lessons cost £35 an hour and, until Bolton and Howson turned professional.

they were strictly forbidden to earn money from teaching or dancewear company that supplies her with 15 dresses a giving demonstrations. year, complete with rhine-Top amateur dancers elsestones and boa feathers, then where in the world are not only allowed to earn money

but also are treated as stars. Yet here, where there has long been disagreement over whether ballroom is a sport or an art, it is all too often not taken seriously, according to Howson, who won his first significant championship at

"I was given a very difficult time at school for doing ball-

instructions. While the court

appreciated the difficult situation

in which Mr Lyons had found

himself, he had made a grave error

of judgment in complying with his

The daty of counsel to put his

client's case could not extend to

advancing the client's belief, un-

substantiated by any evidence, that

His duty in such circumstances

was either to decline to comply

with the instructions or to with

client's instructions.

ing football," he said, "but when I won that first trophy, I took it to school and everyone thought it was fantastic. It was enormous, like the FA Cup." others take the mickey out of

room dancing instead of play

He can understand why dancers, but he has no regrets. "Just think how many girls go to dancing classes," he said. "Hundreds, and they are usually quite good-looking. For all those guys spending all that money in pubs and wondering where all the girls are, they are usually out dancing."



Court of Appeal

Law Report January 8 1996

Court of Appeal

certificate to pursue the appeal on

Specific authority ought to have been obtained from the Legal Aid

Board for the further conduct of

the appeal on the added grounds of

Thus the board would have had

the opportunity to refuse to allow

public money to be wasted on such

Solicitors: Peter M. Ross, Hav-

an unwarranted exercise.

the original notice of appeal.

Mutuality requirement essential

Agrichemicals Ltd and Before Lord Justice Rose, Lord

Budgment December 201

The mandatory set-off provided for on the liquidation of a company under rule 4.90 of the insolvence he triggered by an agreement for set-off where the requirement of mutuality was absent.

The Court of Appeal so held in a

Agrichemicals Ltd. Bishopswood Estates, Eurofert Ltd. Solai Holdings Ltd. Solai Services Ltd. Tradeworth Ltd. the principal debtors, and Société Generale de Gestion et Services

SA, the depositor, and (ii) Rayners Enterprises Inc., the principal debtor, and Mohamed Jessa, the depositor, against the decision of Mr Justice Rattee in the 1994 that Christopher Morris. Nicholas Lyle, the liquidators of the Bank of Credit and Commerce gave credit for the amount of ing to recover the amount of the indebtedness of the principal

Mr Christopher Carr, QC and Mr Michael Todd for the first appellants: Mr John McDonnell. QC. for the second appellants: Mr Robin Dicker for the liquidators.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appeals had arisen in two test cases in which the liquidators of the bank had sought directions. In a large number of cases the

tomer, the principal debtor. A third party, the depositor, had deposited money with the bank and purported to charge the deposit to the rank with repayment of the loan. The charge was by way of nonrecourse collateral security, the bank did not obtain a personal covenant or guarantee of repay-

ment from the depositor. Before the loan was repaid the bank went into liquidation. The liquidators had sought directions whether they should attempt to recover the whole of the outstanding loan from the principal debtor and leave the depositor to prove in the liquidation of the bank for the loan had been fully repaid; or whether they should set off the amount of the outstanding loan against the deposit and claim from the principal debtor only so much if any of the loan as exceeded the

Patrick Hooper, 30, have just

begun competing in the begin-

ners ranks. They were put in

touch by Gloria Sheaves, of

Bristol, their teacher. Instead

of the lavish, wildly expensive tails and ballroom dresses

worn in the higher grades, they wear "lounge clothes" on

the floor. Their biggest compe-

of Tomorrow at Blackpool at

the weekend, where they took

on dozens of other young

hopefuls in the under-35 be-

ginners league. They have

lessons each week with John

Blackburn, their coach, in

many venues now hold Friday

Mr Justice Range had held that the liquidators were not required to give credit for the amount of the deposit before claiming to recover the amount of the indebtedness of the principal debtor. The letters of lien/charge in the

two cases were in similar terms. Neither contained any express guarantee on the part of the depositor or any personal cov-enant, whether as surety or principal debtor, to repay the indebtedness of the principal

In that respect the present case was to be distinguished from MS Fashions Ltd v Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA (1993) Ch 425) which concerned loans made by the bank to three different companies secured by a letter of lien/charge over money deposited with the bank by depositor and by the personal guarantee by the depositor. Lord Justice Hoffmann, sitting

at first instance, had held that the effect of the automatic operation of set-off in bankrupter was to extinguish the liability of the depositor under his guarantee: that that amounted to payment of the guaranteed debt, and that accordingly it extinguished the liability of the principal debtor to the bank.

The Court of Appeal upheld the decision that the effect of the security documentation, which ted the depositor a princinal dehtor, was to dispense with

the need for a prior demand. The question in the present case was whether the absence of any the depositor to pay the principal debt was a material distinction If it was, then, it was submitted, the result was a paradox; an position if he had not obtained a personal guarantee than if he had. The letters of lien/charge pur-

(i) to create in favour of the bank a lien or charge on the balances maintained by the depositor with liabilities of the principal debtor to

(ii) to give the bank power to withdraw any of the sums stand-ing to the credit of the depositor the reduction or discharge of the liabilities of the principal debtor (iii) to prohibit the depositor

from "encumbering, assigning or dealing with" the deposits in any (iv) to allow the bank to refuse to

release the deposit to the depositor unless or until the entire outstanding liabilities of the principal debtor whether actual or contingent had been repoid in full and the bank was under no obligation to provide or make available banking facilities to the principal

The essential question was whether, in the absence of a personal guarantee or other obligation on his part to pay the amount of the principal debt, there was at the date of the winding up order any sum due from the depositor to the bank within the meaning of rule 4.90 of the Insolvency Rules 1986.

In the court's judgment the problem in the present case was susceptible of a simple solution. The principal debtors were in-debted to the bank. Their control-ling shareholders deposited moneys with the bank. If the case had stopped there, there could have been no question of set-off in the bank's insolvency. The bank could not have set off the debts which it owed to the depositors against the debts which their companies owed to the bank. The

have been absent. Even if all parties had agreed that the bank should set off the amounts in question, it could not have done so after the bankruptcy. In the absence of the necessary mutuality, the set-off would have contravened the statutory scheme of distribution in insolvency. Once insolvency supervened, rule 4.90 required set-off in the situations in which it was applicable and public policy forbade it where it was not By the letters of lien/charge the depositors had agreed with the bank that it could apply the amounts standing to the credit of

That was an express agreement that the bank could set off the debts due to the depositors against the debts due from the principal debtors, and as such it was ineffective once the bank was in liquidation. The principal debtors had been

unable to persuade the court that

or reduction of the indebtedness of

4.90 was triggered by an agree-ment for set-off where the requirement of municipity was absent or that the fact that the agreements for set-off were comprised in charge-backs supplied the missing

The court recognised that that conclusion gave rise to the paradox already mentioned unless the decision in MS Fashions was restricted to its own facts, the depositor in that case being treated as a principal debtor and not a

evitable if serious prejudice to the general body of creditors was to be avoided. The conclusion was not unjust. It was not the function of insolvency set-off to prefer a creditor who was not indebted to the insolvent estate, or whose liability was secondary only and capable of being discharged by the party primarily liable. There was no njustice in requiring a creditor seainst whom no claim was made to prove for the debt which was

If it was thought unacceptable that the outcome should depend on whether collateral security was given to secure the debt of the principal debut or a secondary obligation of the surety, then it was MS Fashions which required reconsideration.

Solicitors: Charles Russell; Gagrat Gardi & Cox Lovell White

Pharmacy services

ily Health Services Authority and Another. Ex parte Moore and Others

The provision by general practitioners of pharmaceutical services was a relevant consideration for a family health services authority to take into account under regulation 4(4) of the Nationa Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (SI 1992 No 662) when considering the adequacy of provision in the neighbourhood by listed pharmacists outside that neighbourhood and within the authority's catch-

Mr Justice Pons so held in the Queen's Bench Division on December 18 when granting ju-dicial review to Dr J. R. Moore, Dr

Spalding Moor, Humberside, of the decision of the first respondent. Humberside Family Health Serrespondents, Mr J. N. Crump and Mr P. Watson, preliminary con-sent to establish a pharmacy and to provide pharmaceutical services

HIS LORDSHIP said that authority had applied the wrong test by concluding that because no pharmaceutical services were provided in Hulme by persons on the pharmaceutical list, the applica-tion by the pharmacists had to be

Regulation 4(4) required the authority to consider not only whether there were any dispensing pharmacies in Holme, but also the adequacy of provision by listed

Barrister exceeded his duty out the smallest foundation or the slightest evidence.

and contained threats to do griev-

In the summer Mr Douglas

apparently had accepted proper advice that the appeal should not

be contaminated by those allega-

tions of corruption and bias. At a

ous bodily harm to the recorder.

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Letters written by Mr Douglas to the Lord Chancellor, the recorder, his own solicitor and the Undernent December 191 court revealed paranoid thinking

The duty of a barrister to present his client's case before the Court of Appeal could not extend to advancing the client's assertion, un-substantiated by any evidence, that the trial judge was corrupt or biased. A barrister's duty in such circumstances was either to decline to comply with the instruc-tions or to withdraw from the case.

Thatcher v Douglas and

The Court of Appeal so stated it a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Mr James K. Douglas and his wife, Mrs Diane Douglas, from the judgment of Mr Recorder Donne. QC. at Portsmouth County Court on April 19, 1993, that the plaintiff, Mr R. G. Thatcher, who had died since the hearing, had an enforce able right to use a concrete slipway leading to tidal mudilats and situated in the area of the parties'

Mr Graham Lyons for the defendants; Mr T. A. S. Pearson for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that there was a most regrettable feature about the case, which was otherwise unremarkable, which in the court's experience made it

At a late stage the appeal had

Admissibility of parliamentary material in

considering purpose of Act Three Rivers District Council

and Others v Governor and Company of the Bank of England

Before Mr Justice Clarke (Judgment November 27) Where the court was considering

the purpose or object of a statute for some reason other than the construction of a particular domes tic statutory provision, the strict criteria for admissibility of parliamentary materials laid down in Pepper v Hart ([1993] AC 593) and Melluish (HMIT) v BMI (No.3) Ltd (1995] STC 964) did not apply.

Mr Justice Clarke so held in the Queen's Bench Division when granting the application of Three Rivers District Council, the first plaintiff, for leave to refer to two speeches made by ministers in The first was that made by the

Minister of State at the Treasury on November 23, 1978, when he moved the second reading of the Bill which became the Banking Act 1079, and the second that made by the Economic Secretary to the Treasury on November 28, 1986 when he moved the second reading Banking Act 1987.

The main action concerned the insolvency of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA, the second plaintiff, with the sums of money by thousands of depositors, the first plaintiff being

had acted deliberately and knowingly in breach of its obligations imposed by Council Directive 77/780/EEC of December 12, 1977 (OJ 1977 L322/30) and the Banking Acts 1979 and 1987, both in licensing BCCI to carry on business in the UK and in failing thereafter to revoke that licence and the subsequent authorisation under the 1987 Act.

Sir Patrick Neill, QC, Mr David Vaughan, QC, Mr Dominic Dowley and Mr Robin Dicker for the plaintiffs; Mr Nicholas Stadlen, QC, Mr Paul Lasok, QC, Mr Mark Phillips, Mr Bankim Thanki and Mr Rhodri Thompson for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE CLARKE said that the plaintiffs intended to refer to the two speeches in support of an argument that the defendance tion that the Banking Acts 1979 and 1987 were not intended by Parliament to impose on the defendant an obligation to protect depositors from negligence, impropriety, dishonesty and so on on the part of credit institutions was wrong and that that was the plain intention of Parliament when it passed those Acts.

The defendant submitted that the plaintiffs were not entitled to rely upon the speeches in ac-cordance with the criteria laid down in Pepper v Hart and Melluish v BMI (No 3) Ltd. His Lordship said that in those cases the House of Lords was not

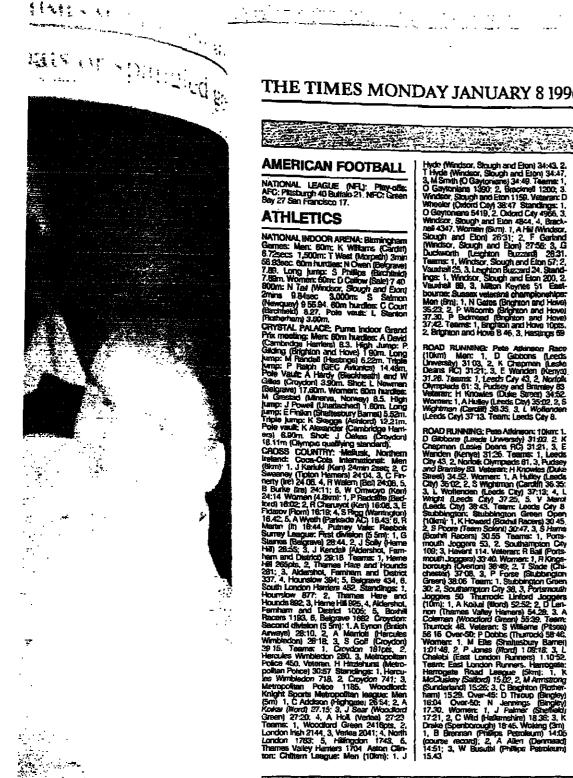
some reason other than the construction of a particular statutory provision, and that moreover the House was considering a

In his Lordship's judgment, it did not necessarily follow that the principle applied so narrowly to a case where the purpose of the legislation was to introduce into English law the provisions of an international convention or of a European directive, even where

His Lordship added that it was relevant to consider the object and purpose of the Banking Acts 1979 and 1987 in the instant case; and that the purpose and objects of those statutes was relevant to the issues between the parties arising where the court was seeking to construe a statute purposively and consistently with any relevant European materials, including directives, it was of particular importance to ascertain the true

purpose of the statute. Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant

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ROAD RUNNING: Pata Ationson Race (10km) Men: 1, D Gobons (Leeds University) 3103, 2, K Chapman (Leste Deans RC) 3121; 3, E Wanden (Kenya) 3126. Teams: 1, Leeds Cay 43, 2, Norloik Olympiads 61: 3, Pudsey and Brantey 83 Veteran: 1 Knowles (Duke Street) 34:52. Women: 1, A Fulley (Leeds Cay) 35:02, 2, S Worlman: (Caratil) 38:33, 3, L Wolfender (Leeds Cay) 37:13. Team; Leeds Cay 8.

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Con: M Lewis.

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90 Blackpool Newton Hall 71, York 93 Selby 72, Lincoln 75 Boston 68, Cambridge Chesterion 107 Hurlangdon 59, Northampton 94 Kingschupe 65, North Weisham 76 County Arts 70 Desborough (Madernhead) 90 Forbill 59; Herts 90 Herstycross 71; King George 87 Embridge 57 Coydon 93 Susion 72 Wey Velley 103 Loodon Vale 56 Egipem 68 Restrince 72; Folkestone 90 Prince Adhur 63, Angel 77 Sevenceic 75, King Alled 79 Grafficher 71; Sevenceic 75, King Alled 79 Carthon 76; Five Rivers 65 Havert 63, East Dorset A 86 East Dorset 6 Sectione 90 Kalledon 72, Illimentale 99 Yorkel 63; Extorne 90 Kangstey 84; Plymouth Civil Senice 89 Cambridges 79.

BOXING

PARIS: European Light-middleweight championship (12 rds) Laurem Soudouen (Fr., nolder) br Javier Castillejo (Sp) CRICKET

One-day international Australia v West Indies BRISBANE (Australia won 1065) Wes Indies boot Australia by 14 runs WEST INDIES

S C Williams o Healy b McGrath
S L Campbell b McGrath
S L Campbell b McGrath
P V Sammons o Lee b Waugh
R B Richardson o Beven b Law
C L Hooper a Stater b Refiel
R A Harper b Waugh
C O Browne un out
D Geborn b Lee
I R Bishop nur out
C E Ambrose nut out
C E Ambrose nut out
C C A Wassin b McGrath
Evass (w 6, nb 5, lb 3)

Total (49-3 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-27, 3-101, 4-131, 5-165, 6-167, 7-171, 8-218, 9-228. BOWLING McGrath 9.3-1-47-3, Redfel 7-1-50-1; McDermoti B-0-43-0; Waugh 10-0-30-2, Bevan 3-0-16-0, Lee 8-1-30-1, Law 4-1-

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M J Steter of Campbell b Andrones
M E Waugh of Browne b Weish
R T Porting of Harper b Bishop
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A Heely c Walsh of Gibson

P R Reffel run out

C J McDermort of Gibson

G D McGrath not out

Edras (to 6, nb 9, w 7) Total (47.4 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-10, 3-27, 4-142, 5-179, 6-180, 7-187, 6-216, 9-217 BOMUNG: Ambrose 9-2-20-1, Walsh 9-0-56-2; Bishop 10-0-49-2; Gibson 5-4-0-38-2. Harper 4-1-9-0. Smmons 10-0-39-1

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DARTS FRIMLEY GREEN, Surrey, Embassy World Professional Champoniship, Sern-finals, R Burrett Walesh of L Wellabe (Scot) 5-2: S Beaton (Eng) & 4 Fordham (Eng) 5-3

FENCING

BUDAPEST: World Jumor Cup: 1, 1. Memmir (R), 2, T Or: Isn and 2, 5 Johnson (GB), G Miceli (R), 13th P Watch (GE) ALDERSHOT: Open tournament, Men's spec 1, T Parth, (Sa'le Bones) 2, N Walter (Haversock), 3, T Botaran (Lanscoone) and P Michael (Reading), Men's foil* 1, P Fornster (Scase House) 2, M Duester (Redhild, 3 R Wheeler Hernel Hempstead) and S Hewitt (Sale Pau).

GOLF CAFL SBAD, California: Mercedes championstep: Third-round scores 705 unless sized) 203: M O'Meza 65 69 66 207. N Faldo (68) 70. 95, 68 208: C Penn 67. 71. 70. J Galligher 77: 67. 70 S Hoch 69 69: 70. L Januari 71: 67. 70 S Hoch 69 69: 70. L Januari 71: 67. 208: 5 Central 69, 71: 69 B Blyati 70: 70: 69 5 Teatral 71: 71. 67 B Wester 71. 71. 69 B Teatral 71. 69. 72 212 S Sizengrou Aus. 70: 72. 70. Roberts 71. 71. 70. T Lehman 71, 69. 72. 214: K Perry 70, 74. 70. P Stewan 74. 69.

71: M Carcavecchia 73, 69, 72 J Funyi, 74, 68 T2, 215. F Funyi, 70, 73, 72, 216. D Viecong 95. 75, 72, V Singh (Fig.) 73, 71, 72, 217; 3 Maydar 73, 75, 69, J Morse 74, 71, 72, 216. H Suston 75, 73, 69, 219; G Norman (Aus) 73, 73, 73, W Austan 71, 73, 75, 220; E Dougherty 74, 73, 73, P Maydeson 74, 73, 74, 221; T Inyto 71, 76, 74, 224; J Ealy 76, 75, 73

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G Ebert (C) bt D L Te Tew (O) 2 and 1. C.J Dale (C) bt D E F Simmons (C) 2 and 1. A
G Edmond (C) bt D J Youngman (O) 4 and 3
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ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL) Friday: Harford 4 Orlana 2, Buffalo 3 Torrotto 1
Patichurgh 5 Detroit 2, Washington 4 NY
Rangers 4, Dailbas 5 Wirmpeg 4, Anaham 3
Calgary 1, Florida 3 Edmonton 2, Los
Angelas 5 San Jose 2 Setturday: Boston 5
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3 Chicago 0, Montreel 6 Buffalo 7, New
Jersey 3 Washington 1 Torrotto 5 Colorado
2 Calgary 2 Florida 0, St Louis 3 Plasburgh
2 Los Angeles 7 San Jose 5, Vancouver 3
Tampa Bay 2
BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division:
2 Basingstoke 3 Humberside 3 Cardiff 9 Fite
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4 Blackburn 6

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RACKETS

OUEEN'S CLUB Peel Hurri Braish U-24 Chempionship, Semi-finals: J Larken bi M Wandows 8-15, 14-17, 15-3, 18-75, 15-8 Smith-Bangham, bit 7 Savery-Cookson 15-6, 3-15, 15-10, 15-5. Final: Smith-Bangham bit Larken 13-2, 15-6, 16-10. Linden 21-

3-15, 15-10, 15-5 Final: Smith-Bingham bit Larken 15-13 15-9 15-10 Under-21-Smithnals: Singles, N Foster br R Walker 15-11, 15-10 18-14 C Charlton br C Walsh 15-11, 15-5, 10-15, 15-5 R Carler and C Robards bit 7 Drayson and E Behn 15-11 11-15 18-13 15-4 Doubles: H Foster and W Samey-Cookson br C Walsh and C Charlton 15-3 15-5, 17-16 T Sawrey-Cookson and J Larken bit H Foster and W Samey-Cookson 16-17, 15-9, 15-4 15-10 M Windows, and A Smith-Bingham br Walsher and P L Merchand 10-15, 15-4, 15-4, 15-8

QUEEN'S CLUB: BNB Resources Britisi

Professional doubles championship: Sec-ond round: C Lumley (Aus) and A Lyons bi J Dawes and P Paterson 6-2 6-5, 5 Pronaidson and A Sneignove bit M Eadle and A Otiver 2-6 6-5 6-3 D Jones and M Ryan bi

K Ludekens and M Seigneur (Fr) 6-4 6-4.

FOOTBALL: FA Premier League Under-19
Trophy: Cheshirt 0 Merseyside 1, Dunam
4 Cumbria 1, South Yorkshire 0 Northumberland 3 FAA Premier League Under-16
Trophy: Bedrodshire 2 Suffich 0 Durham 4
Cumbria 0, Merseyside 2 Lancashire 1,
South 1 Vorkshire 2 Northumberland 4
London Cup Under-15: Bedrodshire 3
Sufficili 1 Inter-Courny Under-15: Durham 2
Cumbria 1 English Full Film Trophy:
Burnley 2 Walsad 3, Semidon 0 East Bens
1 President League: Southamption 1
Basingstoke 1 London Sun Shield: Aldershot 3 Luton 0 Crisp Sheld: Camden 0
Hackney 1 Leicester Mercury Trophy:
Rottingham 4 Peterborough 2 Merseyside
Cup: Halton 2 Chester 1 Winght Cup:
Hawart 3 Vale of White Horse 1 Southern
League Under-15: Southamption 3 Aldershot 3 Millier Cup Under-14: Swindon 1
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SCHOOL SPORT

REAL TENNIS

ingham 6 Peterborough 0 Inter-Association Under-15: Leads 0 Hull 1, Notingham 4 Peterborough 1 Alder Gup, Kvick, Knowsky 4 Traiford 0 Snowdon Cup Under-14: Liverpool 5 Knidy / nowsky 3 Vernon Leaguer St Helens 0 Werzil 2 Inter-Town Challenge: Blackburn 2 Botton 2 Semsky 1 South Notic 4 Rotterham 3 Bradford 2. SNOOKER

BURNINGHAM: Liverpool Victoria Chanty Challenge: Sam-Imais: R O'Sulinon (Eng) bt is Doheny (ire) 6-4, J Higgins (Scot); c* F Ebdon (Eng) 6-4 **SQUASH**

SHEFFIELD: Commercial Union Breish Junior Open championships: Finals: Boys' under-19: A Facy (Egypt) or M Conce (Notrolly 9-3, 7-9, 4-8, 9-3, 9-4 Garts' under-19: T Sheriton (Statis) by J Thacker (Yorics 5-9, 9-5, 10-8, 5-9, 8-3

SWIMMING

HONG KONG: World Cup short-course series: First legt Men: 200m freestyle: 1 D Loader (N2) 1 4741, 2 C Troeper (Gen 146,13, 3, S Cameron (NC) 1 50 81 100m breaststoke, 1, S Yunyu (Chna) 101 36 2 G Schmol (LS) 101 94 3, 2 Chang (Chna) 102 47, 5, 4 Turner (EB) 103 66 100m butterfly: 1, 0 Starcev (Un) 52 95 5, S Senders (GB) 55 74 Women: 100m breastyle: 1, S Hopturs (GB) 57 4 35cc 2 1/3 Jorgensen (Swel 57 60 3, V Hale (GZ) 55 83 50m breaststoke: 1, H Duc (Chna) 31 11 2, J King (GB) 32 46 3, H Jahrer (Swel 32 63, 400m) individual modely: 1, 4 Wilson (N2) 4 40 60, 2, C 4 an (Chna) 4 40 84, 3, F upper (Tpe) 4 50 87

TENNIS

ADELAIDE: Men's Australian Handcount championship: Semi-finals: 8 Black (2m) b: M Demm (Cr) 7-5, 6-3 Y Kaleimkov (R.s.) ti J Frana (Arg) 7-5 (-1 ALICKLAND, New Zealand: Women's tournament: Finots: Singles: S Cacr. (I.S) if B Pavillas Kustne (6-3-7-6, 6-4) Doubles: E Callens (8-4) and J Hatard-Decugs (Fr; 5: J Hethenopton (Can) and F Rodford (Aus) 6-1, 6-0

PERTH: Hopman Cup mised learn tour-nament: Final: Croatia 2 Switzerand 1 (Croatia rames first IMage) lost to M Hingor 3-6, 0-6 G harrisend til M Posset 7-6, 7-5 hanssend and Maghi N Rosset and Hingo 3-6, 7-6, 5-6. Switzerland retired

VOLLEYBALL

BREMEN: Women's European Olympic qualifying zourrament: Russe 3 Germany 0; Holland 3 Crostia 0

RUGBY LEAGUE

Regal Trophy Semi-final Wigart Tries: Connotly 2, Hall, Paul, Radin-sk, Robinson Guels: Paul 7 Leeds: Tries: Harmon, Mann 2, Morley Gual: Holroyd, Altr 10,075

Stones Centenary Championship Castleford 26 Halitan 28
Castleford Tines: Flyrn 2, Furness, Smales
Goales: Cooks 3, Goddard 2 Halitan Tines:
Amone Chesier, Galespie, Murro, Perren
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3,478.

St Helens: Titles: Armold 2, Hargh, Hen-mond, Heyes 2, K Cumingham, Macauta. Goals: Capewell 3, Goulding B Warnington: Thes: Bennett, Hams 2, Goal: Hams, Att. 5,244

Workington 32 London Broncos 10 Workington: Tries: Allen, Campbell, John-son, Marwood, Palmada Goels: Marwood 6 London Broncos: Tries: Feating, Langer Goel: Smith Alt; 2,237

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15 Salford

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Pre-mier division Hemel Hempstead 9 West Hull 28, Leigh Miners Welter 30 Lock Jan 12: Mayheld 13 Woolston 14, Milliom 15 Heworth 20; Wigen St. Patricks 14 Saddieworth 18 Postponed: Duckey Hill v Egremont.

FREESTYLE SKIING LAKE PLACED: World Cup: Moguis: Merc. 1. J Moseley (US) 24 80ps; 2. J Moran (US) 24.55; 3. T Benson (US) 24.67; 4. F Cupper [F1] 23.88; 5. J Smart (Can) 23.85; 6. G Hager (US) 22.23 World Cup; standings; 1. Ougser 272ps; 2. O Cotte (F1) 244; 3. Smart 232; 4. Benson 212; 5. Moran 192; 8. Moseley 178 Women: 1. D Weinbrecht (US) 24.93; 2. T Mittermayer (Gen) 29.96; 3. C Gilg (F1) 23.44; 4. Bansiele (US) 23.39; 5. L Dymchenko (Russ) 22.97; 6. E Vorona (Russ) 21.21 World Cup; standings; 23.95; 6. A Dymchenko 236; 5. Weinbrecht 232; 6. T Bradley (Can) 216. Aerisks: Merc: 1. C Rigerec (Justine) 217.14; 2. L Langios (Can) 269.92; 3. V Vorobov (Bale) 207; 80; 4. D Belhumeur (Can) 202; 43; 5. N Fortiskie (Can) 200; 23; 6. K Feddersen (US) 199.99 World Cup standings; 1. Langios 272; 2. Feddersen 298; 3. S Foucras (F1) 250; 4. Belhumeur 256; 5. A Blanc (F7) 252; 6. Rigerec 252; Wornen: 1, V Brenner (Can) 160.49; 25 Blumer (US) 153; 25; 3. C Brand (Switz) 146;38; 4. K Marstrall (Aus) 147; 77; 5. J Cooper (Aus) 146;38; 6. N Orekhous 300; 2, Brand 264; 3, Some 272; 4, Marshall 264; 5. C Cliver (F1) 264; 8. N Orekhous GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

FIACHAU, Austria: World Cup: Men:
Glant station: 1. U Kaefin (Switz) (1mm
5.979ct. 1 12 71) 2mm 18 68sec 2. A
Tomba (8) (170 14, 112 15) 2 19 18 3 M
Von Grungen (Switz) (100 81. 1 12 42)
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1:12.42) 2:19.42. 5. L. Kyus (Nor) (1 07 24.
1 12.43) 2:19.67. 6. C. Mayer, (Ausma) (106.72. 1:13 10) 2:19 82. Station: 1. A
Tomba (8) (48 05sec, 53 00) 1mm 1 05sec.
2. M Reter (Austria) (48 02. 53 43) 101.45.
4. T Sylvara (Austria) (48 02. 53 43) 101.45.
5. S. Ames (Fr) (48 70, 53.26) 107.95. 6. FC. Lagge (Non. (48 04. 53.93) 101.97
World Cup standings (Gast station: 1. Von
Grungen S20;13. 2. Kus 435: 3. U Kalin
Switz) 317: 4. H Krauss (Austria) 262. 5. F
Nyberg (Swei 216. 6. Locher 212. Station:
1. Tomba 360; 2. Ames 265: 3. Kosar 225. 4.
Reiter 194; 5. F-C. Lagge (Non.) 166. 6. C.
Mayer (Austria) 154. Overali. 1. Kys 956. 2.

NORDIC SKIING

SKIING

SCHONACH, Germany: World Cup: Com-bined (90m ski jump and 15km cross country). 1. F-B Lundberg (Nor) 201 Spts. 2. K Ogwara (Japan) 229, 5. 8. K-T Apeland (Nor) 1970, 4. J Martila (Fin) 214 5. 5. H Sked (Nor) 2050. 6. B-E Vir (Nor) 2050. World Cup standings: 1. Apeland 401 pts. 2. Martila 380: 3. Lundberg 356, 4. Ogwara 350, 5, Vik 330

Tomba, of Italy, on his way to winning the World Cup slalom race at Flachau, in Austria, yesterday. Tomba

was also third in the giant slalom on Saturday behind Kaelin, of Switzerland. Photograph: Calle Tornstom.

WINTERSPORT

SKI JUMPING

TODAY FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.30 unless stated Vauxhall Conterence Stevenage v Famborough (7.45) Bell's Scottish League

SEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: Third round: Worcester v Handday Cup: Third round: Worcester v Hundley Town.

CUS LEAGUE: Certon Cup: Second round: Casthelion v Yeovi.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelses v Bristol Rovers (a Kingstonsan FC, 7 0), Milwell v Assensi (2 0). Toberham v Oxford United (at S Alberts) PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE First division: Newcessite v Deathy (at Galeshead FC, 7 0), Wolveshampton v Tranmere (at Tellord FC). Second division: Lescaster v Bristolion (7 0).

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Third round: Concold v Leyton Orient.

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Cusens Park Rangers v Brentford, Crystal Palace v Bristol City.

OTHER SPORT RACING: Lingfield Park (1.0); Southwell

TOMORROW FOOTBALL ENDSLEGH INSURANCE Third division: Gäinghem v Che Scerborough v Barnel AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Quarterfinels: Northern section: Blackpool v
Chestrelject, Rotter-tern v Lincoln; York v
Notis County (7 45). Southern section:
Full-sin v Binstof Rovers (7 45): Hereford v
Northampton (7 45). Peterborough v Colchester (7 45): Shrewsbury v Binghion
VALXCHALL CONFERENCE: Kettering v
Northistor (7 45).
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Cydebeank v Andre; Dumbarton v
Quarternife, Quardes v Bundes Utct. S
Johnstone v Greenock Morton. Second
division: Ayr v Cyde: Forter v East File.
Thard division: Abson v Caley This, Brechin
v Alloe: Cowdenbeath v East Spring

BH (CSRY LINDON) AUTO WINDSCRIEENS SHIELD: Quarier-

Corte: Fromas 3, Pert. Hones. CLUB MATCH: Berminghem Solihul 22 Kantworth 11. FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Universities International: England 23 helend 30 (Sole) Schools International: Wates 30 Scotland 3 (Bridgend).

RUGBY UNION Kick-off 7.0
WIND MEDMEEK CUP: Pool A: Abercynon v Bisins: Pontypool v Cross Keys. Pool B: Lendovery v Durvant, Temby List v Narberth. Pool C: Casarphily v Laninaran; South Wales Police v Cardiff Inst. Pool D: Maesteg v Tondu, Ystradgynlas v Bonymaen.

OTHER SPORT RACING: Leicester (1 15): Lingfield Park (AW, 1.30) WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL COCA-COLA CUP: Quarter-finals: Arsanal v Newcastle (8.0), Aston Villa v Wolver-hempton (7.45), Leeds v Reading (7.45); Norwich v Britingham (7.45) ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Sec-ond division: Stockport v Brackort: Swin-don v Swanses (7.45).

Vision: Hearts v Motherwell First division: Hamilton v St Mirren, Second division: Queen Of South v Sternbussemuir. Stran-ner v Berwick. Third division: Lumgiston v Queen's Park, Ross County v Arbroath RUGBY LEAGUE

CRESTA RUN

ST MORETZ: Heaton Gold Cup: Second day: 1, J Bedruit (Switz) 254 26sec, 2, 1 LMarteriz (US) 255 59; 3, G Pitsch 256 54

FREESTYLE SKIING

Kick-off 7.30
STONES CHAMPIONSHIP: Workington Warington First division: Whitehaven Widnes Second division: Carlisle v Barrol (at Carlisle RJ), Donasster v Hunslet (a Featherstone); York v Swinton RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.0 Kick-of 70

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navv v
Combined London GB (at Burnaby Road,
Portsmouth, 70)

TENNENTS INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: Scotten Exiles v South Of
Soptiand (at Recimond, 50). University (7.30) OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Burkurser League. Br-minghem v Themes Valley (7 30): Worthing v Leicaster (8) PACHMG: Relso (1.10); Plumpton (1.20). Wolverhampton (AW, 1.30)

TABLE TENNIS. Olympic qualifying lour-nament (Nynex Arene, Manchester). THURSDAY RACING: Wetherby [1:20], Wincarton (1:10), Linglield Park (AW, 1:00). TABLE TENNIS: Clympic qualitying tour-nament (Nynex Arana, Manchester)

FRIDAY PACING: Ascot (12.55). Musselburgh (1.15). Southwell (AW. 1.20) TABLE TENNIS: Olympic qualifying tour-hamers (hymax Arena, Manchester)

SOLIASH: OM National Championships (Edgbasion Prory Club, Birmingham). SATURDAY

SATUMDAY

Kock-off 3 0 unless stated

FA CARLING PREMERSHIP: Botton v

Wimbledon, Everton v Cheisast, Leeds v
West Ham Manchester Uld v Aston Vitre;

Middlestrough v Arsenal, Nortungham Forest v Southampton, Queens Park Rangers v

Blackburn; Shethedt Wednesday v

Liverpool, Tottenham v Manchester Cay.

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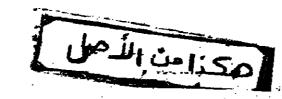
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Interims: Cellune, Elfis & Everard, Merchants Trust (CO), Universal Salvage, Westport Group and Williamson Tea Holdings Finals: A G Barr, Inspirations and Treatt. Economic statistics: Consumer credit for November, full monetary statistics which include: bank and building society balance sheets; final M4 and lending; personal borrowing; public sector funding; money market, sterling commercial paper and medium-term note issue, interest and exchange rates for December.

TOMORROW

Interims: Bespak, Tomorrows Lei-sure, Universal Salvage and VHE Holdings. Finals: French. Economic statistics: Advance en-ergy statistics for November.

WEDNESDAY

Interime: Apta Healthcare, Sidney C Banks, Discons Group, Ewart, First Spanish IT, Fleming International High Income, Ryland Group and Savills. Finals: Jersey Electricity and M & W. cavas. rates: Jersey Electricity and M & W.
Economic statistics: Housing starts and completions for November, balance of visible trade for October, cyclical indicators for December.

THURSDAY

Interims: Carpetright, Cassidy Brothers, Coral Products, GGT Group, Jones Stroud (Holdings), Jurys Hotel, Matthew Clark and PSIT. Finals: Denmans Electrical, Lowho, Robert H Lowe and RCO Holdings. Economic statistics: Labour mar-ket trends, index of production for November.

FRIDAY

Interims: None scheduled. Finals: Dawson Holdings. Economic statistics: CBI survey of distributive trades for December.

SUNDAY THS

The Sunday Times: Buy British Land, Weir; Sell RMC. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Pentland, Courtaulds Tex-tiles; Sell Carpetright. Independent on Sunday. Buy Aspen Communications, Newman Tonks; Avoid British Gas. The Observer. Buy BP, Bass, BA. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Chubb, Aromascan; Avoid Electronic Data





Healthy start expected at Dixons

DIXONS GROUP: One of this week's highlights will be Wednesday's interim figures and an all-important trading statement from the electrical goods retailer that owns the Dixons, Currys and PC World chains.

First-half profits will show a healthy advance, but attention will focus on what Sir Stanley Kalms, Dixons chairman who was knighted in the New Year Honour's List, will say about trading in the key Christmas and new year sales period.

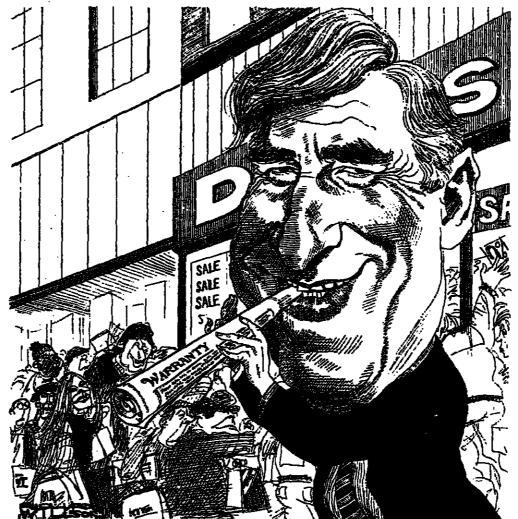
UBS expects the group, which recently regained its place in the FT-SE 100 index, to turn in interim pre-tax profits of £40 million in the six months to the October 31, compared with £26.6 million previously. Market forecasts range from £35 million to £44 million. An improved interim dividend of 2.1p (1.8p) is predicted.

The group is expected to enjoy healthy like-for-like sales growth at a time when other retailers struggle to sell lap-top computers and personal hi-fi against fierce competition and depressed consumer spending. Its main rival, Comet, owned by Kingfisher, has been struggling in this climate and a growing number of regional electricity companies have been pulling out of electrical

Dixons, which has concentrated on cutting costs and boosting profits by moving many stores out of town, told analysts at a presentation in November that it expected the PC World personal computer chain would make sales of £500 million in two to three years.

Attention will also focus on what the company has to say about extended warranties following renewed criticism about the value that these lucrative, but often over-priced, policies offer to

LONRHO: The diversified international conglomerate, whose in-



Attention will focus on Dixons and Sir Stanley Kalms's view of extended warranties

terests span mining, hotels and agriculture, should announce a healthy full-year profits advance on Thursday. However, analysts' attention will focus on current trading and expectations that the group will announce a possibledisentangling of its web of subsidiaries and a demerger of its mining activities.

A spin-off has been mooted since Tiny Rowland, Lonrho's founder, was ousted last March and Dieter Bock, the new man at the helm, set out to streamline Lonrho's businesses.

At the interim stage, the company said it might float off parts of the company with the mining or hotel interests - which include

the Metropole hotels in Britain and the Princess chain in the US - seen as favourites for a possible spin-off.

Charles Pick, at Panmure Gordon, is looking for FRS3 pre-tax profits to advance to £147 million (£112 million), though clean profits, excluding an anticipated £10 million debit on textiles, should

rise to EI57 million (£)08 million). Market forecasts range from £145 million to £150 million. A divi-

dend of 5.75p (4.75p) is predicted. The recent rise in the gold price should boost Ghana's Ashanti Goldfields, in which Lonrho has a 41 per cent stake. It has been in mining that Dieter Bock has most made his mark in the past year, actively expanding Lonrho's South African coalmining operations and merging the group's platinum interests with those of Gencor to create the world's biggest platinum producer.

ELLIS & EVERARD: Analysis predict a rise in first-half profits at Ellis & Everard, the chemicals distributor, in spite of falling prices and destocking that has affected the industry. UBS expects interim pre-tax profits, due today, to climb to £i2.3 million (E10.5 million), with a dividend of 3p (2.6p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £12 million to £12.5 million. Sales were strong in the first five months of the year, after healthy increases in Europe and America.

CARPETRIGHT: In spite of the grim state of the housing market. Carpetright, the carpet retailer headed by Sir Phil Harris, is expected to have held up well in the difficult trading conditions.

Interim pre-tax profits, due on Wednesday, are expected to climb to £10 million (£8 million), according to UBS, with a dividend of 5p (3.9p) predicted.

MATTHEW CLARK: The fastgrowing drinks group, which owns Gaymer cider and recently acquired Taunton Cider after a £271 million takeover bid, is expected to lift first-half pre-tax profits to £16.8 million (£7.2 million) when it reports on Thursday. An interim dividend of 9p (8p) is predicted. Attention will focus on current trading and the integration of Taunton.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Spotlight on festive sales

THE most interesting British economic statistics come at the end of this week with November industrial production figures and the latest Confederation of British Industry distributive trades survey. These should give the first hard evidence of the strength — or otherwise — of retail sales in the crucial Christmas period.

The industrial production figures on Thursday are not expected to sparkle, given recent survey evidence. The most recent CBI survey showed a sharp drop in output intentions and the purchasing managers' index, published a week ago, showed that manufacturing activity appeared to expand only marginally in December after its

slight contraction in November. The consensus forecast compiled by MMS International is for manufacturing output to rise by a marginal 0.1 per cent after its gain of 0.2 per cent in October. Industrial production is forecast to bounce back with a gain of 0.5 per cent after October's 0.9 per cent fall, which was largely weather-related.

Other British statistics published this week include today's final money data from the Bank of England for November, which includes an estimate for consumer credit. This has been growing strongly and November is expected to have seen another healthy increase.

On Wednesday, October figures for global visible trade are published. The median forecast from MMS International is for a deficit of £1.4 billion after a shortfall of £972 million in September.

One of the most contentious statistical areas is the US, where the shutdown of Government because of the budget impasse between the Administration and Congress means that hardly any numbers have been published. The only statistics expected are produced by the US Federal Reserve which will publish consumer credit figures today and the Atlanta Fed survey on Friday. Senior Fed officials and businessmen are concerned about the difficulties of making policy or commercial decisions with no economic data.

In Europe, events to watch out for include the Bank of France's press conference on monetary policy for 1996 which follows its first council meeting of the year. There will also be a number of statistical releases from Germany including unemployment, final cost-of-living figures for December and retail sales for November.

JANET BUSH

Bulls and bears and the prospect for Labour

or the gilt market, 1996 will be dominated by two major themes - a decided fall in inflation and the growing fear-of a Labour government. Yields will be caught in a tug of war between these two forces, but I believe that bullish sentiment will win out in the end. even though there will be slightly below where they are now, whoever is in power or looks likely to be in power

over the next five years. Inflation holds the key. It moved up last year, and many commentators thought that there were signs of a significant revival. However, in the end, the pick-up was contained, in spite of strong pressure from commodity prices and a weak pound.

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Now, these upward impulses are dropping out and the inflation rate will reflect more closely the growth of unit labour costs. With average earnings growth of about 3½ per cent, and productivity growth continuing, the growth of unit labour costs is minimal.

Accordingly, I expect inflasome marked bear phases. I tion to have fallen back by the expect yields to end 1996 middle of the year to 2½ per cent on the RPIX measure, and less than 2 per cent on the RPIY measure. In the context of Britain's inflationary history, these are remarkable figures and the gilt market will have to sit up and take notice.

The second half of the year may be dominated by political worries, and I expect to see a retreat from the market's highs. However, in my

GILT-EDGED view, the scale of the threat to the market from a Labour government has been much exaggerated. Firstly, macro

policy under Labour is likely to be little different from that under the Tories. The Labour leadership has undergone a philosophical revolution. They no longer believe in massive state spending and borrowing. Moreover, whatever they might think, their scope for action is tightly circurnscribed by the power of financial markets and by Labour's likely concern to stick well within the Maastricht guidelines in order to at least be eligible to join EMU.

Given these constraints, sig-nificant fiscal expansion is

not on the cards. Government spending may well be somewhat higher, but if it is. I expect it to be matched by higher taxation.

Secondly, whatever danger Labour does present to the market has probably been largely discounted already.

This may seem surprising, but how could it be otherwise? Market participants can read opinion polls and take note of Commons majorities as well as anybody else. Whatever hopes they might harbour. they must have come to believe that we are likely to have a Labour government and, moreover, that we may have one sooner rather than

This is not mere surmise. It is backed up by the evidence of bond market performance last year. It is easy to see last year's bull run in gilts as mainly a response to improving UK fundamentals, but. in fact, gilts shared in a general rally in world bond markets. Indeed, of the 15 major bond markets we cover, gilts regis-tered the lowest fall in yields in the whole group, in spite of the improving UK funda-mentals. I think that this was largely because the market was taking account of the

changing political situation. The upshot, I believe, is that even a Labour government will do little to dent the bull market in gilts. And this holds out the prospect of further falls in yields once the

that a sharp policy change under a Labour government would see a return to the bad old days. If we get a Labour government and, as I believe. we still have low inflation. what else will there be to justify yields above 7 per cent? They will have to fall to levels unseen for a generation. In this sense (but, you

market has digested the im-

plications. Throughout the past 15 years, while both inflation and bond yields

have been trending down, the bears have always been able

to take comfort from the idea

might think, in this sense only), what the gilt market needs now is a Labour

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Small firms' green record condemned

By MARTIN WALLER

SMALL businesses, the backbone of any economic recovery. could be creating 70 per cent of Britain's air pollution, but only 12 per cent build the environment into their business plans, it has been claimed.

The warning comes from BMS Bossard, the management consultancy, backed by figures from the British Chamber of Commerce that suggest that only one in five small and medium-sized firms have encountered pressure from customers to improve their environmental performance.

BMS Bossard concludes, in a view that will not find much favour with the small business sector, that UK rules on plan-

strict enough and should be better enforced, particularly to counter small businesses' laxness in the area. Ron Brender, managing di-

rector of the consultancy, says that big, blue chip companies iously. "Their size makes them a higger media target so they are far more aware of public opinion and shareholder pressure," he said. "But in a small business, staff and resources are limited and the emphasis is on getting business in rather than worrying about the

environment." In other EC countries, environmental controls on small firms are more comprehensive, he said.

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Dealers await Medeva founder

s the Alternative In-A vestment Market goes from strength to strength dealers await the return of Ian Gowrie-Smith. the former bead and founder of Medeva, with early indications that his latest venture is

likely to bead skywards.

Mr Gowrie-Smith is due to make a comeback on AJM tomorrow when his SkyePharma vehicle, which effectively reversed into Black & Edgington, the business support services group, is due to start trading.

Dealers report significant demand ahead of the issue, suggesting a healthy premiALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

um over an initial placing and open offer price of 4p. with talk by traders of a first-day premium of about 3p. Meanwhile, it has been

another good week for the new market for smaller and growing companies, with widespread gains for a host of companies tipped by an everincreasing following of brokers, newspapers and

Zergo Holdings, the computer consultancy specialist. was one of the star perform-

ers, as demand for the shares in thin conditions helped

120p gain. Others tipped included Pet

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them to finish the week at all the way." 290p, which gave a massive

City, the pet superstore group; Trocadero, the leisure complex spun off by Burford Holdings: Stanford Rook Holdings, the pharmaceutical group; and Electrophoretics International the medical diagnostic company.

David Abrahams, a dealer at Winterflood Securities. a market-maker in all of the stocks listed on AIM, remains optimistic on prospects. He said: "There was no new year hangover and the 'feel-good' factor has arrived early. Generally, it's been encouraging

The number of companies traded on AIM remained at 121, compared with a mere ten listed when the new market started life on June 19. Capitalisation has

creased steadily and now tops £2.3 billion, while money raised on AIM stands at £94.8

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 28

(b) Disturbance of the bodily functions, especially that of motion, so that one staggers and bumps into things, the normal condition of many of us on rising. The interest of the word is that it is a homophone of (sounds exactly like) "a taxi". "Are you sure Tim is all right? When he knocked over that Sheraton table with the crystal jug of Martini on it, I diagnosed ataxy immediately."

SAPID (c) Flavoursome, lively, interesting, from the Latin for flavoursome. The opposite of vapid and insipid, but somehow suggestive of both words, and also of sap as in poor sap. So a useful word for the double-edged compliment. "So James is coming, is he? Are you sure he will fit in. I always find his conversation so, well, so very sapid

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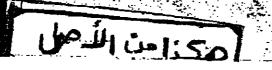
(a) Someone who is abnormally fond of cats, as if any degree of fondness for them could be other than normal. From the Greek. An ailurophile can easily he recognised by the cloud of fleas and fine hairs hovering around his/her person like an aura. Be kind to such people, for they have just spent a fortune on easy-opening tins of Whiskas fishwaste. (a) Thriving in rubbish or waste. A term from the botanical world which has obvious transferred application in the zoological world. "She has had

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a truly ruderal career, you know - first as a researcher for a backbencher, then PPS to the Minister of Heritage, and now as executive assistant to the

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party leader's spin doctors' think-tank."



Alasdair Murray on urban myths that can damage famous companies

Just who has framed big business?

You may have heard this one before, but a friend of a friend went into a weli-known fast-food restaurant recently and ordered a burger. He took one bite and and spat it out after his teeth crunched on a set of tiny bones. So he decided to take the half-eaten burger to a friend, who worked at a vet's nearby, to be told that his supposed chickenburger was actually a ratburger. Or was it that a big burger chain

actually mixes its meat with worms. shipped in from a secret worm farm in France? Or that chemical tests on Mexican beers have proved that one of the principal ingredients is urine? All complete rubbish, of course, but how often have you heard these stories told by friends who swear that it is the truth?

The urban myth has become a staple of modern life. It is a kind of mystery verbal virus, possessing the ability to spread quickly and mutating as it crosses cities and countries. And for the victims of the rumours, often businesses, there is no obvious cure.

A successful myth may or may not contain a kernel of truth but its real power stems from its expression of a genuine fear, no matter how incredible the tale may have become in the telling. For companies, such myths are no laughing matter and can damage not just the company's public reputation but actually hit sales as consumers stay away from their products.

Eradicating the myth is not just difficult but sometimes nigh impossible. As Mc-Donald's is currently discovering, even a straight libel case with a clear target can prove to be not just expensive, but provide the rumour with the oxygen of even more publicity. When it is almost impossible to track the originator of the rumour, as is always the case with urban myths, preventing impossible. its repetition becomes

Snapple has faced all of these problems in the past few years. The soft-drink company found its carefully constructed New Age image, appealing to the young and ageing hippies, in tatters, when a rumour started to circulate that the company was a supporter of Operation Rescue, a militant anti-abortion group based in America At first Snapple laughed it off but the rumours continued to circulate and gained added weight after claims were made that the company helped fund the Ku Klux Klan. The evidence, so it was claimed, was the mysterious K, which appears on the Snapple bottle. Ironically, the K really appears on the Snapple bottle, as it does on many other products in America, to inform customers that the food is kosher.



Is there a hidden message? Bob Hoskins and Roger Rabbit in the film Who Framed Roger Rabbit, which is rumoured to reveal more than it meant to

when it learnt that students in California. one of the company's biggest markets, were threatening to organise a boycott of Snapple's products. Snapple hired a private detective to try to track down the source of the rumours, organised flyers to be distributed refuting the claims and took out adverts in local newspapers. The finger of suspicion for stirring the rumours pointed at rival drinks manufacturers in the region, but proving it was

Another company that has suffered is Procter & Gamble, the giant soap powder company, which has been fighting off satanic rumours for more than 15 years. They apparently derive from the fact that P&G's century-old logo contained a moon and stars, which some Christian fundamentalists interpreted as a sign of the devil. A story began to circulate in

America's southern states that the logo contained the number 666 and that a satanic ram's horn would soon start appearing on the products. It was also claimed that a senior P&G executive had appeared on the American chat show Donahue to confirm that the company gave money to the satanic church. Ever since this P&G has been fighting

persistent outbreaks of the rumour all over the world. The myth even reached a small village in Norfolk this autumn, after a priest published a letter detailing the claims in the parish newsletter.

The company has spent millions of dollars on lawsuits, suing a number of individuals caught spreading the rumour, including a number of distributors for arival soap company, Arnway. But P&G has never been able to pin down the exact origins of the rumour in spite of the

apparent link to Amway. The company was even finally forced to remove its trademark from its products and eliminate the offending symbols from its logo. But there is another dimension to the Procter & Gamble rumours. The company has a record of secretive behaviour and dominates both the economic and political life of its home base, Cincinnati.

n 1990 after a Wall Street Journal reporter had published some P&G documents. Ed Artzt, the chief executive, persuaded the county prosecutor to issue a subpoena to track all local phone calls and mobilised the head of the local fraud squad, who also happened to work part time in P&G's own security department. Nothing satanic, of course, but this kind of behaviour provides food for the conspiracy theorists.

Secrecy and idiosyncratic corporate behaviour can contribute to the creation of

business myths. Disney, dominated even now by the myths sorrounding its eccentric founder Walt Disney, has been generating myths for years, from tales of child abduction gangs working in Disney resorts, to Three Little Pigs molesting women visitors in

Most of the latest rumours are based around supposed sex scenes that can be seen in Disney's cartoons. There is Jessica Rabbit appearing naked in Who Framed Roger Rabbit? or graffiti in a toilet used by Bob Hoskins in the same film reading. Call Allyson Wonderland and giving Disney chief Michael Eisner's telephone number below. Or the word "Sex" being formed by a cloud of swirling dust in The Lion King. The rumours would be entirely

laughable, stemming from editing mistakes or very vivid imaginations, were it not for the fact that they have encouraged an American anti-abortion group, American Life League, to run a campaign against "subliminal sexual messages", and boycott Disney films.

There is some evidence that disgruntled animators, who wished to get back at the puritanical Walt Disney, used to try to insert hidden jokes into the films. And one animator was sacked for suggesting an adult version of Mickey and Minnie

But even if a company's behaviour is exemplary, it will not necessarily escape the rumour mill. Simply being big and successful is often enough. Americans—and most business myths originate in America—have a long tradition of parancia about any organisation that seems to possess power, whether it is political or economic.

It has been expressed in films such as The Parallax View and The China Syndrome, which have presented the American corporation as a sinister power. So it comes as little surprise to find that the latest company to fall victim to

business myths is Microsoft. The software giant has even spawned a hate group on the Internet, finding that the very systems it develops are the perfect disinformation technology.

Earlier this year, a rumour spread that

Microsoft's Windows '95 package included a programme that could detect all the software you were using on your computer and relay that information and even details of your personal files back to Microsoft.

in reality, the programme, Registration Wizard, can only detect a limited amount of software, cannot read files, and can only be used with the express permission of the consumer. But the rumour proved so powerful that the Australian Navy. among others, insisted on running security tests before installing Microsoft

More recently, rumours that Microsoft's Internet software deliberately disables its competitors' software have led to the US Department of Justice taking an interest. Incompatible software is a common computing problem and the scope of the problem with Microsoft seems limited, suggesting it was a genuine mistake. But while Microsoft has been able to

play down these individual rumours. damage has undoubtedly been done to the company's reputation. Microsoft is begin-ning to find out, just as Disney and Procter & Gamble before, that once the rumour mill finds a theme that strikes a chord with the public, people will believe

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Curtain to rise on sponsorship as AT&T starts calling Britain

BY ERIC REGULY

AT&T, America's largest telephone company, is set to make a series of announcements this month aimed at raising its profile in Britain and establish itself as a viable competitor to BT.

On Wednesday, the company, whose restructuring of itself into three businesses wili result in 40,000 redundancies, will announce increased theatre sponsorship. It already sponsors the Almeida Theatre, in north London, and aims to add two national theatre companies to its list. In a second announcement, in late

business initiatives likely to include the launch of a package of AT&T-branded telecoms products for big corporate customers. In addition, it is likely to disclose an alliance with City of London

Telecommunications, known as Colt. Colt, owned by Fidelity Investments of Boston, the mutual fund company, was launched two years ago to provide full telecoms services to businesses in the City using its own network of high-capacity glass-fibre cables. AT&T will probably disclose that it has negotiated an intercon-nection agreement with Colt and that Colt

January, the company will announce will sell the AT&T products as agent. ees in Britain, fewer than 200 work on the Neither company would comment.

The products might range from an international data communications service to a virtual private network, allowing companies to connect their London and overseas offices with a private exchange. Other services, including tariff-free 0800 business, an Internet access service and an AT&T phone card are possible.

AT&T was granted a full operator's licence by the Government in late 1994. but has done little with it other than promote its name by such means as stage sponsorships. Of the 7,500 AT&T employtelecoms side; most make hardware such as switches and cash machines.

Building up the brand name, however. has been a smart move. Indeed, AT&T is among the best-known American brand names, with Coca-Cola and McDonald's.

AT&T. founded as Bell Telephone in 1877, is so ingrained in the American psyche that many Americans still think that it provides their local phone service. AT&T, in fact, has been confined to the long-distance market since the US Government broke it up, creating seven "baby bells". in the early 1990s. New

The AT&T name has travelled well.

James Ross, a telecoms analyst with Hoare Goven, said: "AT&T's brand name is very strong. The corporate market does know about it." Now the company has to build

businesses around it. Attacking the business market will be its first move. However, BT. in spite of AT&T's power. is not worried. It does not think that AT&T has many advantages over other operators in serving big business. BT's attitude may change if AT&T

legislation in the US will let it re-enter the local market within a couple of years.

AT&T wants to offer services to residential customers, but when and how it will do so are not clear.

Since AT&T lacks a domestic network, and would not want to spend billions of pounds on building one, it would have to form a partnership with a cable company or a radio-based phone service, or go on the acquisition trail. Nothing came of AT&T's talks with Cable and Wireless's about buying C&W's 80 per cent stake in Mercury Communications, BT's main rival, but management changes in C&W may give AT&T another chance.

Cash boost from float for Bank of Scotland

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

THE Bank of Scotland is set to recoup up to A\$438 million (£215 million) of the money it spent on its latest acquisition, BankWest, the Australian bank, through a public offer for 49 per cent of the shares that kicks off today.

The 213.5 million shares in BankWest are being sold at A\$2.05 each. It will be floated on the Australian Stock Exchange next month.

The selldown of the bank, which Bank of Scotland acquired last month for A\$900 million, was one of the key conditions attached to the sale by the Western Australian state government, which pledged to allow the state's residents the chance to share in its privatisation process.

Seventy per cent of the shares have been earmarked for state residents. Bank of Scotland, which will retain a

Ruling due on pensions

A JUDGE is today due to make a landmark ruling on whether alleged victims of personal pensions mis= selling can pursue individual companies in the courts. or whether they are bound by the compensation review system set up by the Perin the £4 billion pensions mis-selling scandal

Judge Raymond Jack, QC, will give judgment in the Bristol Mercantile Court on a stay of proceedings action brought by a group of life companies, including the Prudential, TSB and Irish Life. 51 per cent stake in BankWest, has agreed to mop up any unsold shares, although Aus-tralian analysts predict that demand will be so strong that the offer will have to close

Andrew McGuckin, banking analyst at Porter Western, a stockbroker in Perth, said yesterday: "The outlook for Western Australia is very good over the next few years it is the fastest growing state in the country - and BankWest is well placed to benefit from

"Not only is there room for it to lend to the commercial sector, where there are a lot of resource projects coming on stream, but the housing market too is about to turn here. BankWest is well positioned for growth and has also been attractively priced."
BankWest, Western Austra-

lia's largest financial institution, is forecasting a 6 per cent rise in net profits to A\$100.2 million for the year to February 1997, with pre-tax profits up 16.9 per cent to A\$159.9 million. It is pledging to pay a dividend of 16.5 cents per share for 1997, representing a yield of 8 per cent.

BankWest has almost 600,000 customers and accounts for 24 per cent of all bank lending in the state. Just over half of its lending is to the residential market, with comfor another 40 per cent and consumer markets for the rest.

Fraser Campbell, the general manager of the Bank of Scotland, said: "It will be business as usual at Bank-West, with Bank of Scotland adding value in its areas of expertise where appropriate." The share offer is scheduled to close on February 9.

SEE DOMINGO, PAVAROTTI AND CARRERAS LIVE IN LONDON



Malcolm Edwards, right, the former commercial director of British Coal, founded Coal Investments two years ago

Coal group shapes rescue deal

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

COAL INVESTMENTS, the troubled mining company that had its shares suspended last month after failing to deliver interim results amid mounting financial difficulties, will announce a rescue rights package within the next two weeks.

The company, which was formed from the remaining British mines after British Coal sold the more lucrative collieries, is arranging last-minute details of the issue, which is believed to be worth about £20 million, while also hunting for a new chief

director of British Coal who founded Coal Investments two years ago, and who is both chairman and chief executive. The company, which has had a team of headhunters working for the past two months, said there was more work than one person could manage. However, rumours have abounded in the City of dissatisfaction with Mr Edwards, and it has been speculated that the securing of a successful refinancing is de-

pendent on his removal to a

At present, the group is less pivotal position. Coal headed by Malcolm Edurestments has been locked in negotiations with Guinness Mahon, its merchant bank, and James Capel, the broker, since last month when the suspension of its shares coincided with the refusal of planning permission for a coalface in Staffordshire for which the company had high production hopes.

It is at present debating whether to appeal against the decision or concentrate production efforts elsewhere. A spokesman said: "It is a question of what will be quicker - whether we spend

the time and money arguing against the decision, which could take several months, or look elsewhere."

Meanwhile the production force has been mobilised to step up output for the company, which had been expected to turn in losses of £11 million at its scheduled interim stage last year, with coalface workers returning to work a day early from the Christmas holiday.

Since its formation, Coal Investments has raised £50 million from investors, most of which has been spent on developing its six collieries.

Jaguar exports top £1bn as world sales surge 30%

By Kevin Eason, motoring editor

WORLDWIDE sales of Jaguar cars jumped 30 per cent last year, with exports total-ling more than £1 billion for the first time.

The success of the company's new XJ range of saloons has boosted registrations in all its major markets. Sales in Europe more than doubled, while sales in the United States, the company's biggest and most important market,

increased 19 per cent. Sales in Japan, of 2.311 cars were also up 60 per cent in the face of competition from Ger-man and American rivals as well as Japan's domestic range of executive and luxury models. In Britain, registrations rose from 6,659 in 1994 to 8,727 last year, giving Jaguar its highest share of the market for luxury models since 1988.

The figures are a major boost for a company that struggled through the years of recession after its £1.6 billion takeover by Ford. Analysts feared that Jaguar would lose its identity and its markets as a Ford subsidiary, but huge investment from the American parent has made the business

resurgent. Everything hinged on the new XJ range, launched last year. The car had to have a winning design, and the workforce at the Browns Lane headquarters factory had to make it efficiently and well enough to pass every quality standard in demanding markets such as the US and Japan.

Nick Scheele, Jaguar chairman and chief executive, made the company the first of the European luxury manufacturers to offer three-year warranties, such was his confidence.

The reception for the car has exceeded Jaguar's hopes and Mr Scheele said: "We have seen a dramatic improvement in our sales around the world Product excellence, combined

keting strategy, resulted in our export earnings exceeding £1 billion for the first time." Worldwide sales were

39,727 last year compared with the 1994 performance of 30,020. Sales in North America have revived substantially, with 1994's 15,906 improved to 19.030. Germany has traditionally been a poor market for Jaguar, but the Coventry company improved registrations from 1,430 to 2,525.

CBI gives property warning

Business is expecting a fall in demand for commercial property over the next six months, according to survey evidence today from the Confederation of British Industry and Grimley.

the property adviser. Twenty-three per cent of more than 800 companies surveyed expect to increase property holdings. while 28 per cent expect to reduce them. The balance of -5 per cent marks a fall from the positive 2 per cent in the CBI's last survey.

Job changes

The Government should promise further employment law reform by pledging to scrap legal provisions on unfair dismissal and redundancy compensation, according to proposals today by Warwick Lightfoot, a Royal Bank of Scotland economist and former Treasury adviser, in U*nfinished Business* for Politeia, a free-market think tank.

Food prices

A rumbling battle of attrition among food retailers rather than another fullscale price war is expected after statistics today from Verdict, the research group. Profit margins are forecast to fall steadily with price competition and increasing costs making for a medi-

um-term squeeze.

A register of non-executive directors for smaller companies, in a drive to stimulate interest for such posts among small and medium-sized companies, will be launched tomorrow by Kingston Smith, the firm of accountants.

Sales push Prozac into the top five

PROZAC, the anti-depressant, became one of the world's five bestselling drugs last year with sales of more than \$2 billion. Sales of the drug, which is manufactured by Eli Lilly, the US pharmaceutical company, are set to increase to more than \$3 billion by the end of the decade in spite of the controversy surrounding its medical use. But Zantac, the ulcer drug

the new year.

can do this.

sessions three or four times a year.

taking over entire pubs and hotels. He

said: We came away from them

feeling remarkably focused and re-

charged. As we got bigger, we wanted

the equivalent of a five-star hotel, with

conference facilities and a nice loca-

tion. There is nowhere in Britain you

He has spent the past year-and-a-

manufactured by Glazo Wellcome which is based in the UK, will lose its position as the biggest growing drug over

the bestselling global medi-cine, according to a report on the pharmaceutical industry by Lehman Brothers, the merchant bank. The report estimates that sales will decline dramatically from \$2.7 billion in 1994 to \$700 million by the year 2000. Losec, a rival ulcer drug produced by Astra, the Swedish drug company, is set to replace Zantac as the biggest selling drug with sales touching \$4 billion in 2000. Lehman Brothers predicts

the next few years will be Epogen, a red-blood cell stimulator, developed by US biotechnology company Amgen and sold under licence by several leading pharmaceutical companies. Epogen is used to treat anaemia during major surgery or kidney dialysis and sales should grow to \$3.5 billion by the year 2000.

Another top five drug in 1995. Pravachol, the anti-cholesterol drug produced by Bristol-Myers Squibb, the US company, is also set to disappear, to be replaced by Zocor, produced by Merck, another US drugs company. Amgen is generally regarded

as the most successful biotechnology company in the world and Lehman Brothers sees its collaboration with pharmaceutical companies as the way forward for the industry. The report argues that joint ventures will optimise returns on research and development costs and increase the research base, encouraging more medical breakthroughs.

Directors' list

Jon Ashworth reports on a luxury retreat designed for business executives

Brainstorming leads to five-star idea

Three tenors concert Ticket, coach travel, two nights in London from £189

Today The Times offers you the chance to go to the concert of the decade at Wembley Stadium on Saturday, July 6, 1996. You leave home on Friday. July 5, returning on Sunday. The concert coach package, from £189, includes a ticket value £35, which you can upgrade if you wish. If you prefer to drive yourself, there is a £20 discount.

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BRITAIN'S first five-star retreat for business executives has opened in the Lake District, in a move that promises to bring American-style luxury to the UK corporate scene. Groups of up to 20 can thrash out ideas in private at the gilded venue, which costs from £250 per person per night and has a helipad in the grounds. The Samling at Dovenest, overlooking Windermere, is the work of Roger McKechnie, who created the Phileas Fogg range of snacks and sold out to United Biscuits two years ago. Mr McKechnie has invested more than £2 million and has high hopes for the future. Marketing begins in earnest in Mr McKechnie and his senior aides used to hold animated brainstorming

The Samling is meant to be like a top hotel with conference facilities

half turning the lakeside retreat into just such a venue. The Samling has ten rooms and aims to provide a secure haven for executives plotting takeover bids, or simply deciding future strategy. Rooms are fitted with

direct-dial fax and telephone, and a top-class chef will provide everything from beans on toast to a three-course meal at lam. Free access to the bar is included in the price. Rates are £250-a-

aerospace, motor and telecommunications groups, but most of the interest so far has been local. Brainstorming aside, Mr McKechnie aims to make The Samling available for corporate entertaining and house parties. The venue has an 80-seat theatre and studio, and the hope is to attract visiting opera singers for fringe-style reviews. He said: "It's starting to get known on a national scale."

Bookings have been taken from

The house is no stranger to the creative touch. It was first owned by the landlord of one William Wordsworth, who was inspired by the "babbling" stream which runs through the garden. And Felicia Hemans, the Victorian romantic poet, penned the famous lines "The boy stood on the burning deck" on the same rustic turf.

Business executives who succumb to its charms may even follow in the footsteps of Mr McKechnie. who made more than £7 million from the United Biscuits sale. The idea for Phileas Fogg was dreamed up in the back of a pub in London's Old





eaders of the construction industry have been sum-I moned to the Westminster home of the Royal Academy of Engineering this afternoon to be told that they must "change or die". Scions of famous dynasties and managers imbued with the arcane ways of the trade are used to harsh truths. Their industry has been pummelled by the collapse of the commercial property boom. knocked over by drastic cuts and delays in public spending, starved by the long shump in housing. denuded of half a million jobs, and has been found wanting by the

official Latham report. Building bosses will therefore receive the report with the weary anticipation of a punchbag watching the next would be Frank Bruno strip off. The academy has limited mundane functions but a thousand highly placed fellows keen to exert influence in Whitehall and among

Their key message is that construction today mirrors the travails of manufacturers in the 1980s. It has a glorious past and can still manage the most breathtaking projects. But it has lost confidence, does not invest enough in training or research, is plagued with over-capacity and has learnt to survive on wafer-thin profit margins. Beyond a handful of world-class performers, it has become uncompetitive and faces rising foreign threats at home and abroad. Sir William Barlow, academy president, sees rationalisation as inevita-

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slipping L through the net because there are insuffi-

cient resources to investigate the suspicions of the staff of banks, building societies

and other financial institu-

tions according to Professor Michael Levi, director of the

White Collar and Organised

Professor Levi says only a

small proportion of the thou-

sands of reports of suspicious transactions made

each year receive more than routine police checks. The white collar crime expert said there was also concern over the level of feedback from police forces on the

quality of the disclosures.

how good a job they were

doing in spotting criminal

It is nearly a decade since

financial institutions were first required to report suspicious transactions under the

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The British Bankers Asso-

ciation, which has 300 mem-

bers from 60 different

countries, echoed the con-

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fences Act.

Crime Unit at the University of Wales in Cardiff.

Engineers design a new construction industry

ble. "The industry must change fast if is to avoid the most damaging experiences of manufacturing."

Much of the remedy is familiar. either from Latham recommendations now being run through task forces, or from the jargon of management consultants. Clients, not least in the public sector, should be educated to prepare tenders and draw up contracts that put partnership and overall cost above initial price. Only this could end the spectacle of contractors reaching for their lawyers to make claims for late changes or squeezing sub-contractors to try to make money. Management concepts such as benchmarking, total quality management, empowerment and client focus now make up for lack of common sense in much of the reformed manufacturing sector.

Bosses who truly believe can inject some of these ideas into their firms. In housing, where they have more control from planning to retail sale. they must make adjustments to stable prices, just like homebuyers. Builders must learn to do without land price inflation, improve the building process and offer a better combination of quality and price



than the second-hand market. In big-ticket construction, the goals will be harder to achieve without buoyant demand. Marks & Spencer type builder or builder and suppliers, are not likely to make much progress when tenders deliver such apparent bargains. Capacity is also hard to slim in an industry that sometimes seems the only one left in Britain prepared to take risks.

The few healthy companies would be happy to see weaker names squeezed out of the market during these bad times. Yet seemingly dodgy firms manage to stump up backing for performance bonds. The

Money laundering is rampant, says Grania Langdon-Down

gest it will not be easy. Had Kvaerner managed to buy Amec, it might well have sold the general contruction business. But the City did not like a modest, fixed offer. City doubts are also voiced over Wimpey's plan to swap its materials and construction divisions for Tar-

mac's ailing housing business.

At the other end, it is easy for smaller firms trade up. To compete, cannier big firms have learnt to manage portfolios of contracts running into billions with little or no net capital employed. Returns are won-derful in the good times. For people in love with their business, it is even worth keeping going when margins are minimal. So they have shed overheads fast, mainly by cutting full-time employment of craftsmen and site managers.

The switch to private finance for public sector projects could be a key to reform. Companies of substance will be needed to finance and own the projects, even if they can manage on 15 per cent equity to 85 per cent debt. When contractors become, in effect, their own clients, there is no incentive to bid low on optimistic assumptions and fatten out the

contract later. If contractors have no one else to turn to, they must change culture and take their ultimate public sector clients with them.

For this to happen, however, others must adapt their cutiture too. Only contractors seem prepared to take the risk of the trebled up-front costs of bidding under the private finance initiative. The Government might help to defray these new costs. But logic points to new financial vehicles: companies that embrace contracting, operating utilities and owning completed projects - much as some contractors used to build office blocks to own themselve

France has such companies. They could develop here from the new road-building consortia. But City investors who insist on trading giltedged interest separately from the capital seem as unlikely to welcome such novelties as to share the new risks. Utility regulators, whose charges are well cast to participate in these reforms, see partnership and group co-operation as a cosy menace to customers and insist that dealings be at arms length.

Engineers, building bosses and well-meaning civil servants will not get far by talking to each other unless bankers. City institutions and public watchdogs are involved and prepared to play their part. Britain does not want the corruption that so often lies behind the tender process in some continental countries. But a little more co-operation and a little long way to improve efficiency.

In search of an identity

The McDavids' Reunion Song. Radio 4, 9.00pm.

An estimated 22,000 illegitimate children were born as a result of An estimated 22,000 illegitimate children were born as a result of Canadian servicemen's relationships with British women during the Second World War. Mary Ward's feature follows the very different fortunes of two of them — Carol Wilson and lan Wallis — as they tried to find out if their fathers were still living, and if so, where There was one huge barrier in their way. Canada has a no-disclosure law under which, for 20 years, the servicemen's whereabouts cannot be displaced by Carol. In a managed to find a wearth canada the be divulged. Helped by Carol, Ian managed to find a way through the net. Carol herself has spent 15 years trying to do the same, so far without success. "I just want to know who I am," she says.

A Man For All Music. Radio 4 (FM), 11.00pm.

A Man For All Music. Radio 4 (PM), 1100pm.

All radio interviewers should take a leaf out of June Knox-Mawer's book. The relevant chapter heading would read something like: "Do your homework. Get to know more about your interviewes than they know about themselves." The Knox-Mawer technique is impressively at work again in the first of her four interviews with André Previn, conductot, composer, arranger and soloist. The span of his music-making in episode one is startlingly wide. It begins with Previn, age 5, playing four-handed piano versions of Beetinoven and Brahms symphonies with his father, and ends with Previn, age 26, two-handedly conducting the MGM Orchestra in a Gene Kelly film for which he wrote some of the numbers. for which he wrote some of the numbers.

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Smith Squere, London. Simon
Keenlyside, bartone, Malcolm
Martineau, pano, perform
songs by Schubert and Wolf
2.00 Tempesti Scotish Chamber
Orchestra under Ivor Botton.
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Tempest); Haligrimson (Cello Concerto); Purcell (The Tempost)
3.45 Oxbridge Organs, Thomas
Trotter plays the organ at
New College, Oxford.

Pearson with 500 years of music, news, interviews and gossip, from: 1100 to 1800 5.15 in Tuzze, Monteverol (Lemento d'Arlarma); Besthoven (Violin Sonata in D); 6.40 Tippett (Rihari Dances, A Midsummer Mantage)
7.30 Britten Plus, Berberg, Aufürge britters Prius. Sericery Bonney, sopreno, Julius Drake, piano. Haydh (Three songs, to texts by Arma. Hunter); Britten (Fish In the unruffied lakes; On this island); Mendelssohn (Neue Liebe; Der Blumenstraus; Wann sich zuei Herzer

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9.20 A Series of intervals. The minor third (3/12)
9.30 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Scotlish SO under Martyn Brabbins, with Stephenie Gonley, violin, Tim Hugh, cello. Brahms (Tragic Overture; Concerto for violin and cello in A minor);
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10.45 Milding it 11.30-12.30am Ensemble I-12.30tam Entertations.
Hezogenberg (Waltzes:
Anthony Goldstone and
Caroline Clemmow, piano
duel); Brahms (Quartet in A)

RADIO 4

\$.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing, incl Weather 6.10 Famming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 8.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.39, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.40 The Doomsday Letters: The Future, Last in the series with Sr Crispin Tickel 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, presented by Melvyn Bragg and Times columnist Brenda Maddox, With George Steiner, Howard Gardner, Josef Rothlet and Maggie O'Kane 10.00-10.30 News, With Great Pleasure (Pill only), Jon Snow reveals his literary passions 16.80 Delify Service (LW only) from Crediton Parish Church in Devon

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11.30 Money Box Live: 0771-580
4444. Personal finance
12.00 News; Your said Yours
12.25pm Who Goes There? Martin Young, Francis Wheen, Joan Belsewell and Fred Housego explore the fives of the rich and famous 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Sheena MacDonald

Sheena MacDonald 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News, Reaching for the

Sky, by Dave Dron. During the Suez Crisis, two 14-year-old boys build model seroplanes and dream of Bying with the RAF, Way David Holt and Richard. Pearce (r) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kalektoacope. Lynne Walker witnesses a Lyme Walter witnesses a new circus at the Albert Halt, and talks to the conductor Mark Wigglesworth

4.45 Short Story: Brollen Nights, by Margaret McAllister. Read by Daphne Oxenford

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7.40 The Monday Play: From Salford to Jericho, by Kale

Sationd to Jericho, by Kate Rowland, Mags arrives in Manchester to find her brother Billy. There she meets lots of homeless people with tell their stories. With Sighten Redmond and Alasteir Gelbreth 9.00 The MicDavids' Reunion

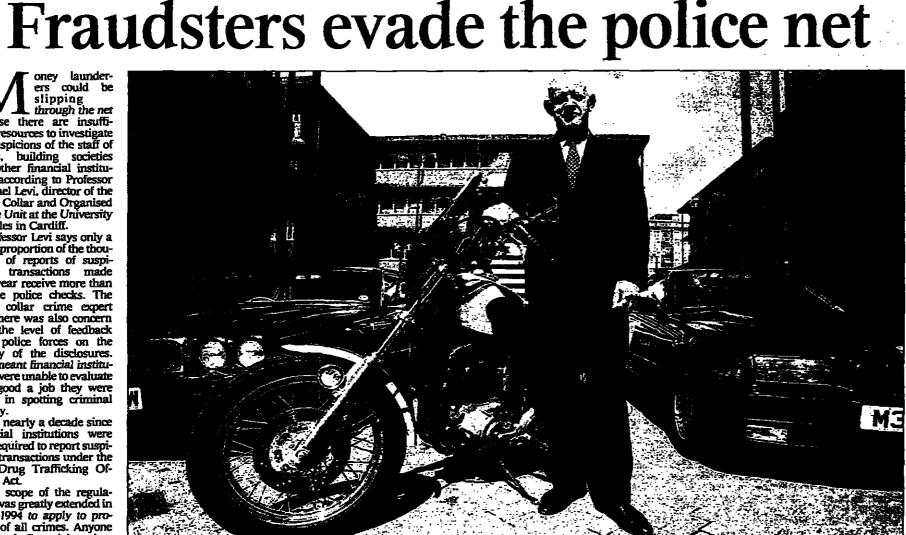
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Nick McCarty, With Karen
White and Jim Nutter (2/5) (f)
12.00 News, ind 12.27 are Weather
12.30 The Late Book; Maybe the
Moon, by Armistead Maupin.
Shelley Thompson reads the
first of ten parts
12.45 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As
World Service

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Albert Pacey, the National Criminal Intelligence Service's director general, has said that police cannot cope with some white collar crime

tions was greatly extended in April 1994 to apply to proceeds of all crimes. Anyone working in financial services or handling clients' money. such as solicitors, also became liable to prosecution if sor Levi. Sue Thornhill, asthey did not have proper sistant director, said: "Once monitoring systems, failed to the information is in the system, there have to be the report suspicious financial transactions or revealed an account was being investi-

resources to investigate. prosecute and confiscate the proceeds to deter the "The financial sector does get very frustrated at not seeing the effects of their disclosures. Until we know what proportion is giving

rise to investigations and are proved to be based on valid suspicious transactions were reported to the National suspicions, we just don't Criminal Intelligence Serknow whether we are winvice's (NCIS) economic crimes unit. About one in ning the battle or not." five was found to have some Perry Nove, Assistant Commissioner of the City of London Police, chaired an The level of reporting has dropped slightly this year, with 6.330 in the six months Association of Chief Police Officers' working party on

> He said: "The service has always been conscious of the clamour for feedback but there are some problems. "Some disclosures lead to arrests which are then sub iudice until the case is con-

cluded in other cases, the

information may harden up

financial disclosures.

suspicions and lead to a long operation. Silence at our end does not mean disinterest. Also a very large percentage do not point to criminality once inquiries are made. However, we are working on

er this year, Albert Pacey. NCIS's director general, gave warning that some cases were beyond the resources and expertise of the police and other agencies and should be tackled by a

Only a small proportion of suspicious transactions receive more than routine police checks

— Michael Levi

improving the flow of information so NCIS can advise financial institutions on typical movements of criminal assets and any ingenious new ways of being used to try to fox the system." Earli- put at £2.5 billion. But

hospital gown, with legal documents tucked under his

good arm, heading for a

touchdown in a room the

dedicated anti-money laundering task force. It is estimated that annually, £500 billion of drugs money is laundered internationally, with the UK figure

exaggeration" because they were based on criminals incomes and not the amount they saved. He said many spent their ill-gotten gains on cars or the bookies. It was only at the highest levels of a criminal organis-ation that sophisticated

methods were used to launder profits through 'front' companies or underground banking arrangements. Yet, the overwhelming number of disclosures centred on personal accounts while the reporting of potentially suspicious inter-company transactions was a

black hole" in the system. Financial disclosures have helped detect some major cases, including the stealing of banknotes due to be destroyed by the Bank of England and millions of pounds embezzled by a senior accountant with the Metropolitan Police. But the professor said very few reports that resulted in a 'hit'

Professor Levi argued the amounts were "prone to company already suspected by police or customs — involved more than £100,000. The internal auditor of a large north American bank

said staff at its London office reported about two dozen suspicious transactions a year to its money laundering reporting officer. About half were sent on to NCIS. He said the lack of feed-

back from the police was very frustrating. "We know what things are suspicious. What we don't know is whether the police have been successful in following it up and getting enough evidence to bring the people to book." It was very satisfying when their suspicions were

proved right. Some months ago, a man tried to deposit £8,000 in Scottish bank notes claiming he had sold a car in Scotland. "We weren't convinced and made a report. Later we were told the man was involved in blackmail, fraud and money laun-- a report on a person or dering," he said.

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Cannon still completion formalities. on the ball

YOU can knock, but you can't keep, a good lawyer down, as the determination of Eamon Cannon, property expert at the law firm Fladgate Fielder. proves. Cannon, an Irish international rugby player in the 1960s, was in Coventry on business when he was knocked down by a car. But Cannon was determined his injuries would not prevent completion of the large prop-ICAEW's audit faculty. erty deal that had taken him there. He was last seen in his

hospital had set aside for the Held to account

IF. on Wednesday, you see swarms of police and fraud squad officers descending on the Chartered Accountants' Hall please don't think the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) has been raided. They'll all be attending a one-day conference on the problems of fraud, at Moorgate Place, organised by Scotch missed

ALLAN Shiach, head of the

Macallan whisky distillery, is

always assured of wide pub-

licity for his company, for in joining a very apt partnership Hollywood, he is Alian Scott, the screenwriter, who has has

written more than 40 scripts. In the latest edition of Harpers & Queen, Shiach/-Scott admits that in every script he weaves in a reference to Macalian. "I suddenly realised my last script for Disney didn't have it, so I had to go back and find a scene for it. And one they wouldn't bloody cut, he says. Transfer list

IN the wake of Saturday's mega National Lottery jack-pot, solicitor Mel Goldberg who is well used to arranging transfers of football players

- Epstem Grower & Michael Freeman. The senior partner, Howard Epstein, settled the £18 million Mohidin husband and wife lottery dispute. Hill dimber

FURTHER proof that there is life after Hill Samuel comes from Warren Finegold who, after leaving TSB's merchant bank, went on to build up a name for himself in the electricity sector at Goldman Sachs. Next month he joins UBS to become a managing director in its fast-growing corporate finance division, reporting to Malcolm Le May.

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It's not yet time to look back at the 1980s

B liss was it in that dawn to be alive, apparently. Peter York, in double-breasted frock coat, declaimed those words with weighty irony, but he declaimed them nevertheless. The unpersuasive thesis of Peter York's Eighties (Saturday, BBC2) was that it was bliss in that dawn (etcetera) and that to be admitted to the Blitz Club was very heaven. Here was York's first problem. Since most viewers had never heard of the Blitz Club until Saturday, the theory is definitely contestable. York's second problem was that the 1980s were - well, last week. In 30 years' time, a Christopher Frayling may guide us thoughtfully through the signifi-cance of the 1980s, and we will be grateful. But at this stage being reminded of the 1980s is like being asked what you had for breakfast. In the early 1980s, said York, two groups were at work in little rooms in London, each unaware of the

other. First came the "plotters" -members of Conservative thinktanks, scribbling sums on pieces of paper (Eureka! Monetarism!). Then came the "poseurs" (or properly "posers"), which meant Spandau Ballet ironing their silk shirts before entertaining the bottle-blond "fabulous" brigade in Covent Garden. Each, in their own little way, set out to challenge the liberal establishment - a thesis which makes sense until you actually glance at it, when you fall over the back of the sofa, laughing.

York kept sashaying between plotters and posers, mainly because it gave him something to do. Self-importance turned out to be the key characteristic of both camps, and York (naturally) encouraged the self-important to analyse this self-importance, selfimportantly. "Who the hell do you think you are?" was the question Paul Morley (erstwhile youth pun-dit) apparently used to ask of the

strutting Blitzers — a question many people may have asked Morley, too, in his time.

To his credit. York didn't overdo the outfits. He started out looking like Adam Adamant, and stuck with it. Meanwhile, anyone wishing to object that while one of York's groups was forging the long-term fiscal policy of this country, the other applied a small amount of rouge, is missing York's basic joke. Which was, of course ... no, damn. It's gone.

eople were on the move this weekend, especially last night. In As Time Goes By (BBCI), Jean and Lionel spent their first frustrating weekend at their new country retreat; in A Touch of Frost (ITV). David Jason's house was burnt out by a chip-pan incident; in The Tourist (BBC2), a group of idealistic Westerners took a wild hairy carnel-ride to Outer Mongolia (the ride was wild; the



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camels were hairy); and in The Gulf War (BBCI), a quarter of a million American soldiers joined Operation Desert Storm, Yes, it all pointed to that weird old adage: "a change is as good as a rest".

But sometimes a rest is as good as a change, too — and Bob Larbey's As Time Goes By is such gentle comedy that it is quite honestly best watched from underneath a nice duyet while consuming bread soaked in warm milk. Yes, yes, gently does it. Total bed rest. Safe hands. The lights are dimmed, and there is a big sign "SILENCE" posted on the door. Breathe softly in the gloom, and what's this? A little leggy fawn, with startled eyes, emerges from the surrounding wood and edges cautiously towards you, finally

resting its head upon your lap.

Such instant invalidism, however, is no bad thing for a Sunday night - except that immediately after comes the News, for which one's sensibilities are hardly prepared. Last night, in the first of a new series, Jean and Lionel found themselves harmlessly "sucked into the country set". "We're in a gang!" exclaimed Lionel, lugubri-ously. Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer are so carelessly consummate that it doesn't matter that the original comic situation (former lovers meeting again after deTime Goes By should be played audiences? I can only guess they endlessly to violent offenders, in love the glimpses of other David place of stroking hamsters.

Then did licence plates become truck of Frost bers ? A Touch of Frost was insistent on this point of authenticity, perhaps as a red herring - to disguise other pungent whiffs. Last night's story involved a kidnap, and was well sustained for its two hours; the only problem was that Frost had no special expertise. Whenever his boss threatened "I'll bring in a trained negotiator!" the viewer was bound to think "Well, why not?" But Frost handled the case, though made no obvious mark upon it. His brilliant police work recalled those scenes in Hawaii Five-O when Steve McGarrett pronounced "Put out an APB!" (a routine instruction) and his adoring minions were dead impressed. Why is Frost so popular with

Jason characters. Frost has no trademarks beyond a trilby hat, a row of pens and a penchant for fried eggs. But every so often his bland accent slips into Peckham, or he does the weary-tut-tut-Gromit-Del-Boy thing with his eyes, and one's interest in this boring man is briefly re-enflamed. Last night's story concerned a

believably nasty youth (Marc Warren) with a strong resemblance to a young Malcolm McDowell. The crime rang true — the victim de-coyed to a barn; the boy's accomplice a simpleton girl with spots. But the investigation was bathetic. Finally, the youth picked up the ransom and escaped — by bus. This summed things up pretty well. For hours Frost had sat pondering, and at the kidnapper's phone-call he announced his cunning plan. "We'll play it his way!" he said. Oh good.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (69750) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceetax) (29139408)

9.10 Kilroy (s) (2275069) 10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5742755) 10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (6412156).

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (80175) 12.00 News (Ceefax) (6558137) 12.05pm Pebble Mill (9789243) 12.50 Regional News (13491798)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (20868) 1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (76315392) 1.55 Knots Landing (s) (1627069) 2.40 Wonders of the Wild (s) (1914156)

3.05 Timekeepers with BIN Dod (s) (5913953)

3.30 The Busy World of Richard Scarry (r) (s) (2729589) 3.55 Bitsa (s) (2248576) 4.10 Chipmunics Go to the Movies (r) (s) (8281971) 4.35 The Genie from Down Under. Comedy drama with Alexandra Milman and Filiys Muldoon (Ceefax) (s) (9277953)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (4642175) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (7893866) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (510576) NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35 Inside Uister

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IRELAND: 6.30 Neighbours 7.00 Noet's Telly Years. Noetelgie quiz (Ceetex) (s) (9427)



Alice Beer puts illusticks to the test (7.30pm)

7.30 Watchdog: Beauty Special (Ceefax) (s) (595)

75 - 8.00 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (8175) Lynchurst as the time-travelling husband with a

woman in each era (Ceelax) (s) (7682) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceetex) and weather (8392) 9.30 Panorama. In the wake of the excesses of the festive season, a sobering investigation into Britain's chinking habits, asking why the Government has failed to change a habit which causes up to 40,000 deaths a year in Britain (Ceefax) (852359)

10.10 Film 96 with Barry Norman. Barry Norman review new films including Seven starring Brad Pitt, Showgirk, Joe Eszterhas's sexually explicit tale set in the sleazy world of backstage Las Vegas; Denzel Washington in Devil in a Blue Dress, The War with Kevin Costner; and Julia Proberts in Something to Talk About. Plus the latest news from the film world from reporter Kirsty Young (Ceefax) (s) (968446) NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.10 Sunshine in a Room 10.50 Film 96 with Barry Norman 11.20 Omnibus 12.10am FILM: The Fog (1980) 1.35 Weather

10.40 Omnibus: Paul Verhoeven - from Holland to Hollywood. A profile of the Dutch-born director of Robocop, Total Recall and Basic Instinct (176601) 11.30 FILM: The Beguiled (1971) starring Clint Eastwood. A wounded Union soldier seeks retuge in a Southern girls' school during the American Civil War. Directed by Don Siegel (Ceefax) (858359)

6.00am Working All Hours (67392) 7.00 Brealdast News (6502243)

7.15 Lassia (6581750) 7.35 The Stone Protectors (r) (7783663) 8.00 Blue Peter (r) (s) (5753155) 8.25 Songs of Praise (r) (s) (9858311) 9.00 Blitz on Cartooning (r) (78224) 9.30 Seabrook's Year (r) (15243) 10.00 Playdays (s) (6411427)

10.25 FILM: Gypsy Coli (1954). Directed by Andrew Marton (5934175)

11.40 The Fugitive (b/w) (1889682) 1.00pm William's Wish Wellingtons (r) (s) (73567021) 1.05 Joshua Jones (r) (28315069) 1.15 Nina Costaninovna (1992779) 2.10 More Secret Gardens (86901175) 2.20 Fit.M: Blue Fire Lady (1978). Australian equestrian

adventure, directed by Ross Dimsey (422473) 3.55 News (Ceefex) (5636663) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (224) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (408) 5.00 Esther (s) (7205)

5.30 The Village. A real-life scap opera (542175) 5.55 Turning Points (895392)

6.00 Space Precinct (Ceefax) (s) (978953) 6.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century(2/2) (r)

(638412) Hidden Empire. Drama-documentary series about six black people who fought personal battles for independence against colonialism and oppression (Ceefax) (s) (137)



Mark Roberts holds the shin-bone (8.00pm)

Horizon: The Butchers of Boxgrove (Ceefax) (s) (844663) Trade Secrets. Dog breeder Jude Simmons shares her knowledge of ax) (836514)

9.00 Million Dollar Bables. Dramatised story of the Dionne quintuplets (1/2) (1) (Ceefax) (7663) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceelex) (684205)

11.15 The Brains Trust. Mary Ann Sieghart, an assistant editor on The Times, chairs a revival of the popular discussion programme that was launched in 1941 on BBC Radio's Home Service (558576)

11.55 Weather (464408)

12.00 Perpetual Motion: The London Taxi (r) (78373) 12.00 Perpensis Motion: The London Table (f) (783/3)
12.30am The Learning Zone: Open University —
Questions of National Identity (12489) 1.30
Business: In Search of Identity (35731) 2.00
Languages: French Experience (29354) 4.00 BBC
Focus: Perspective: Understanding Asthma (20996)
4.30 Perspective: Reconstructive Surgery (16118)
5.00 Pathways to Carre (51793) 5.30 RCN Nursing Update (79002)

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The latest entrant into that overcrowded genre, the medical drama, features an air ambulance service operating on the South Coast of England.
Speciacularly-staged rescues of the injured and
drowning provide the core excitement. Peripheral plot
lines include tensions within the team, opposition from more conventional medical services and off-duty romance. The cynical may dismiss the show as Cosualty with a helicopter but a final verdict must await more episodes. Tonight's opener has a lot of noise and bustle, and three overlapping stories, but has also to introduce the characters and explain how the correction works. The non-tier cest exhaus the the operation works. The non-star cast echoes the emphasis on tearnwork rather than individualism.

Cutting Edge: Car Thieves Channel 4, 9.00pm

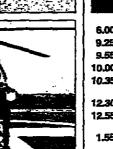
The stolen vehicle squad of Greater Manchester Police is never in danger of being underemployed. Each year 3,000 cars are stolen on its patch, some to be sold off as scrap, others to assume new identities. The cameras go scrap, others to assume new identities. The cameras go to the heart of the squad's operations, as its officers prowl around scrapyards and pull vehicles apart to see whether the engines match the bodies. Then comes the unenviable bit, breaking the news to innocent owners that their cars are stolen goods and do not belong to them. A night nurse, who saved up for a Metro, essential for her job, breaks down in tears. The film builds to a perfect climax as the squad moves in on a builds to a perfect climax as the squad moves in on a Mr Big suspected of masterminding the shipment of

Horizon: The Butchers of Boxgrove

Archaeological finds are usually of no more than Boxgrove Man in Sussex was a top news story of its day. And with reason, because the shin-bone dug up in a gravel pit was said to be half a million years old. making it one of Europe's earliest known human remains. Last year a team of experts returned to the site, to look for further clues. But experts tend to disagree. Soon there were disputes about the date of Boxgrove Man (was he as old as had been assumed?) and whether he was merely an opportunist scavenger or a big game hunter. Chris Hale's film provides an accessible review of the evidence so far. But with work proceeding it can only be an interim report.

The Paranormal World of Paul McKenna

Usually the performer, hypnotist Paul McKenna turns presenter for a seven-part exploration of phenomena that seem to dely common logic. Telepathy, psychic detection, apparitions — the paranormal never fails to make good television. It is easy to be suspicious of practitioners who come from faraway places and look like pantomime wizards, while being hard-pushed to dismiss their feats. Valeri Lavrinenko from Ukraine is mnight's star guest, billed as a superman. To justify this claim he stops his pulse at will and stays under



Call Red

stolen luxury cars to New Zealand.

BBC2, 8.00pm

water without air for more minutes than seems humanly possible. Most impressively, he survives a stun gun which delivers 80,000-volt electric shocks to

6.00am GMTV (2062040)

cades) petered out ages ago. As

9.25 Win. Lose or Draw. Ouiz (s) (4515934). 9.55 London Today and weather (Teletext) (6498576) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (1262972)

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10.35 This Morning (57403682) 12.20pm London Today (Teleted) (6547021) 12.30 ITN News (Teletext) (6851243)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (6836934) 1.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (32295779) 1.55 Shortland Street (64558779) 2.20 Blue Heelers

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (2440427) 3.25 London Today (Teletext) (2449798)

3.30 Rainbow Days: Best Friend's Day (s) (2263885) 3.40 Tots TV: Washing the Cer (s) (7854408) 3.50 Disney's Goofy (7843392) 4.00 Scooby Doo (2083779) 4.15 Harry's Mad. (Teleted) (s) (494953) 4.45 Art Attack. (Teleted) (9268205)

5.10 After 5 With Caron Keating (6328408)

5.40 ITN News (Teletext) (336601) 5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' views (822446)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (427) 5.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (779)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. Game show hosted by Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes (s) (4595) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (663)

8.00 World in Action. Marks & Spencer: what may cause St Michael's halo to slip? (Teleted) (s) (3243)



Paul McKenna sheds some light (8.30pm)

8.30 The Paranormal World of Paul McKenna. (Teletext) (s) (2750) 9.00 Call Red. (Teletext) (5717) (5717)

10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (86243) 10.30 London Tonight (825175) 10.40 Band of Gold. A series about a young mother of three forced into prostitution (r) (Teletext) (s)

11.40 Hunter: Bad Company American detective series

*(6*67798) 12.40am Endsleigh League Extra (2202373) 1.25 Bushell on the Box with Garry Bushell, television critic of The Sun (s) (3643793)

1.55 The Crime Hour. (2182002) 2.50 FILM: No Road Back (1957, b/w) A blind and deat woman resorts to receiving stolen jewels in her desperation to send her son to medical school in America, Starring Margaret Rawlings, Directed by Montgomery Tully (8361793)

4.15 NEW Nite Bites. Cookery tips (s)

(17989335) 4.25 Profile: Shara Nelson (s) (17918847) 4.35 Scotch and Irish. Cornedy and music with by Andy Cameron (s) (85137809)

5.00 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (88847)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Think Tank (r) (Teletext) (s) (5142205)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (23359) 9.00 Fifteen To One (r) (Teletext) (63392)

9.30 Stand Still, Be Fit (r) (s) (3656392)

9.45 FILM: The Story of Alexander Graham Bell (1939, b/w) A biopic of the inventor of the telephone. Starring Don Ameche and Loretta Young. Directed by Irving Cummings (87960682) 11.30 Living Memory: The 1950s (r) (2595)

12.00 Crawshaw's Sketching and Drawing Course (Teletext) (s) (83156)

12.30pm Sesame Street (25069) 1.30 Wowser (r) (76331330) 1.55 What a Hog. Animaton directed

by Kinne Aune (42985205) 2.05 FILM: House of Strangers (1949, b/w). Joseph L. Mankiewicz's powerful directonal debut, stamng Edward G. Robinson, Richard Conte, Luther Adler

and Susan Hayward. (Teletext) (779446) 4.00 Backdate. (Teletext) (392) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (576)

5.00 Love in the Afternoon. Romance magazine. (Teletext) (s) (1408)

6.00 The Cosby Show: The Auction (r), (Teletext) (999) 6.30 Hollyoaks. Teens' soap opera, set in Chester. (Teletext) (s) (791)

8.30 Wild Britain; Acrobat of the Woods. A profile of

7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (169663) 7.50 The Slot. Viewers' opinions (995446)

8.00 NEW Screaming Reels. Angling with attitude returns for a third series. . (Teletext) (s)





Officers of the stolen vehicle squad (9.00pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Car Thieves (Teletext) (s) (3359)

10.00 FILM: Brubaker (1960). A prison move starring
Robert Redford. He plays an earnest new governor
appointed to Wakefield Prison Farm, a notonous
Southern institution riddled with brutality and
corruption. Also starring Yaphet Kotto, Jane Alexander and Morgan Freeman. Directed by Stuart

12.25am FILM: Noon Wine (1984) Effective drama set in 1937. The head of the Thompson farming family is slowly losing his struggle to keep hold of his property as the Depression bites. But his fortunes are reversed with the arrival of a Swedish immigrant. who not only proves to be a hired hand from Heaven, but also lifts the spirits of the young Thompsons. However, when a bounty hunter arrives from North Dakota, the immigrant's past seems to hold some unsavoury secrets. Starring Fred Ward, Stellen Skersgard, Pat Hingle, Lise Hillboldt and Jon Cryer. Directed by Michael Fields. (769625)

2.00 Doing It With You ... is Taboo. Sex between black and white people is still one of society's taboos. But in the 1990s, white men are beginning to have relationships with black women - and the women are welcoming their advances. They give their reasons for this mutual attraction in a frank

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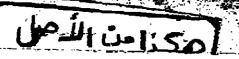
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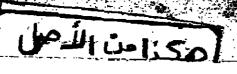
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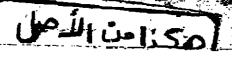
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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Saatchi's approach on name rejected

Maurice Saatchi has made repeated approaches to Cordiant, the advertising agency formerly known as Saatchi & Saatchi. to win back the Saatchi name.

Mr Saatchi, who with his brother, Charles, runs M&C Saatchi after the acrimonious split with their former agency, has on several occasions made informal inquiries to

Sir Tim Bell, spokesman for Maurice Saatchi, said: "We would like the name back because it is ours." However, Jennifer Laing, the chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising, which is Cordiant's UK division, said: "We have received a number of informal approaches but the conversations do not develop very much. The name is not for sale and

Neither side would put a value on the Saatchi name. It is thought that Maurice Saatchi would offer money or a ceaselire on competition between the two companies as payment.

Lonrho date

Lonrho, the trading conglomerate, will on Thurs-day confirm to investors for the first time the possible demerger of its mining operations, which include a stake in Ashanti Goldfields, a strong talking point on the stock market over the past year. Analysts have been looking for a demerger of Lourho and a sale of some of its constituent parts. One the Dutton Forshaw car dealership, is known to be for sale.

Jury to retire

The Maxwell trial jury is expected to retire today when Lord Justice Phillips finishes his summing-up. Kevin and Ian Maxwell, and Larry Trachtenberg, a former Maxwell adviser, deny conspiring to defraud Maxwell pensioners. Jurors will spend the night in a hotel if they fail to reach a verdict.

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Festive spending spree expected to defy pessimists

By Sarah Bagnall

CHRISTMAS was late as usual this year, but for most retailers, when it finally arrived, it came with a

vengeance.
The optimism held by many City analysts is expected to be backed up over the next few weeks by Christmas trading statements from a string of Britain's largest retailers. The Christmas trading period is crucial and in many cases accounts for a substantial chunk of retailers' annual profits.

According to a survey by the Finance & Leasing Association, consumers embarked on a pre-Christmas spending spree in the

association found that the use of plastic cards in November shot to E610 million - a 16 per cent leap from last time.

The raft of retailers who this week unveil how they fared over the festive season include Next, Argos, Boots, Dixons, House of Fraser, Sears and Carpetright. The line-up is expected to leature a fair clump of star performers, but not without a few bad shocks from unexpected

The City harbours a few pessimists, who before Christmas were spreading whispers of concern and prophesying hard times on the high street. The purse-closing combina-

high street and on cars. The tion of a Budget that failed to lift association found that the use of consumer confidence and one of the warmest autumns on record hardly laid the foundations for a lively Christmas. But as with last year, in the main, the pessimists are likely to

be proved wrong.

The star performers are expected to include Argos, Next and Dixons. Analysts have pencilled in double digit sales growth for Argos, the catalogue retail chain that left many of its rivals standing in Christmas 1994 with a staggering 17 per cent leap in sales. On Friday, Argos de staggering to retail a hosping sales. expected to reveal a booming trade for toys in the run up to Christmas. Kingfisher, the Woolworths to B&Q group, is also thought to have notched up strong sales of toys. This would be in sharp contrast to last year, when a combination of mispricing and distribution problems conspired to knock sales. Their successes are thought to

have been at the expense of Toys 'R' Next, the fashion retailer that surprised even the most fervent of fans last Christmas, is forecast to turn in sales growth of more than 10 per cent. And tales of shop assis-

of shoppers indicates that Next is enjoying the January sales. On Wednesday, Dixons announces its interim results together with a trading update that is

tants pinned to the walls by hordes

mas trade, particularly in personal

The lame ducks of the retail sector are expected to include House of Fraser and Sears, the British shoe to womenswear group. Shoe sales are particularly prone to weather patterns, and the warm autumn is expected to have taken a heavy toll. As a result, analysts are forecasting a sharp drop in full-year profits. Sears was yesterday forced to play

down mounting speculation that it might pull out of the traditional chains of Saxone and Dolcis. The company has been concentrating efforts on building up nev

ranges such as Shoe Express, the

self-service budget chain, and Shoe City, the large out-of-town outlets. Sears expanded Shoe Express by about 100 stores last year and analysts see further scope for development. The company's trading update is due on Thursday.

Last January, House of Fraser upset the City with a profit warning as margins suffered as a result of deep discounting on unsold winter clothing. House of Fraser is known to have had a poor 1995 up until the festive season, but a last-minute surge at Christmas may provide the necessary salvation. However, few analysts consider this likely.

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Decision day for Granada's Forte bid

By Martin Waller, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE full board of Granada will meet today to decide the next stage in one of the most tense City takeover battles in recent history, the £3.2 billion hostile onslaught on Forte, the hotelier to caterer.

Full board backing is need-ed for a higher bid, with observers accepting that Granada's offer at its current level stands no chance of success. But the Forte share price has performed so strongly in the light of a successful defence campaign that a higher offer could severely stretch Granada's finances.

Henry Staunton, Granada's finance director, was giving nothing away last night. He said no firm decision had been reached, although his company is believed to have put in place all the necessary mechanisms for a higher offer. These could include a "dawn raid" on Forte's shares tomorrow morning, the day the Granada board's decision must, under City takeover rules, be an-

nounced. If a new offer is

pitched above Forte's closing price on Friday of 345p. Granada can then buy aggressively on the stock market up to 9.9 per cent of Forte's issued

Mr Staunton insisted yesterday that all the options remained open. These boil down to a refusal to raise the sum on offer, which would be an effective abandonment of the bid, or a higher offer.

The City expects Granada to come back with more cash on the table. At Friday's closing price, the current offer is worth just short of 328p in Granada shares or 321,670 in cash. To stand any chance of success, the offer would have to be raised to somewhere between 360p and 370p. If the board decides to go ahead, this evening will see frantic activity in the City as the directors try to secure underwriting for a higher offer.

But Granada is already locked in dispute with one independent City source over the proper valuation of Forte. Kleinwort Benson said last week that after the various defensive measures announced by Sir Rocco Forte. the Forte chairman, including disposal to shareholders of its stake in the Savoy Group and buyback, the shares would be worth 367.5p.

Mr Staunton said this was based on information in Forte's defence document, and Granada will be talking to Kleinwort today. Continuing the war of words between the companies, he claimed the Forte document had been "designed to mislead".

Forte scents victory. There's some high ground it will be very difficult for them to recapture now," said one

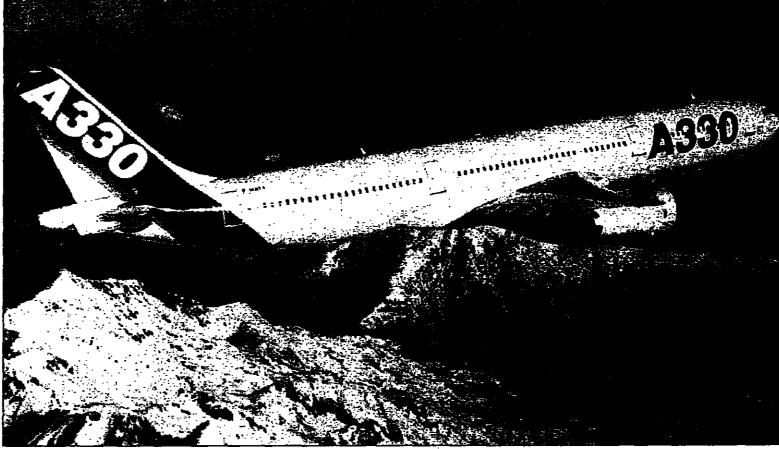
If Granada renews the assault, Forte directors are prepared for another round of meetings to retain the loyalty of its shareholders, both institutional and private, Olga Polizzi, Sir Rocco's sister, is primed to take a strong part in those

involving private investors. Should Granada fall at this fence. it has the option of returning for the roadside and motorway catering businesses of Forte by topping a conditional offer for them of £1.05 billion from Whitbread, the brewer. The company is refusing to discuss this option until the outcome of the bid is known.

takeover bid.

year block on foreign owner-ship, whose expiry prompted

the wave of takeover bids in



Airbus has just delivered ten of its big new A330 twin-jet aircraft to Malaysian Airline System and expected a further contract for as many again

Airbus takes on Boeing with 40% price cut Another nois

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE is offering to cut the price of its \$140 million A330 twin-jets by 40 per cent in a desperate bid to prevent Boeing carrying off one of its most valued customers.

Boeing has been selling some of its smaller craft at prices a quarter less than the cost of production, hoping to cut that cost by the time of delivery, in a move that reflects the often disastrous cut-throat competition in the aircraft-making industry. The big producers are determined to ensure that their craft are flown by airlines that serve rapidly expanding economies, in particular the "Asian tigers". Malaysian Airline System

(MAS) is believed to have been offered ten or more A330s at just \$70 million each by the European aircraft-makers' consortium, made up of British Aerospace, Aerospatiale of France, Daimler-Benz of Germany and Casa of Spain, industry sources say. The offer

was made after Boeing, the because Airbus has no aircraft sales to Japanese airlines. At world's leading civil jet build- to match it. Airbus, which has the end of last year, Boeing er, launched a price war to try to stem the loss of market share to its European rival.

Plans by MAS to announce an order for 25 new long-haul aircraft, split between Boeing of Seattle and its Toulous based rival, were put on hold as the manufacturers chased each other lower.

Boeing is already assured of an order for about ten of its 747 jumbos, at \$160 million each,

just delivered ten of its big new A330 twin-jets to MAS, expected a contract for as many again, plus perhaps four of its super-long-range A340s. But industry sources say

Boeing has shown an extraordinary determination to secure the entire contract.

Aided by presidential lopby-ing by Bill Clinton, the Ameri-

can company has already extended its dominance in

won the lion's share of a crucial contract with Singapore Airlines with an extraordinary offer.

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dinary offer.
Airbus had been expecting MAS to confirm an order for 4. A spokesman confirmed that MAS was still reviewing the offers and indicated that Airbus would fight to the last for the contract. It ain't over till the fat lady sings, "he said.

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Labour criticises £1m jobs initiative

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

launching a El million initiative aimed at boosting employment. Labour has dismissed the move as a pre-election stunt and an illegitimate use of public money.

Television advertisements that begin running today will emphasise the measures the Government has in place to help people to look for jobs. There will also be a press campaign supported by a telephone hodine and a new version of the Government's Just the Job booklet. Ministers emphasise that the help available for the unemployed includes guaranteed job interviews with employers, coaching in job-hunting techniques and the opportunity of acquiring a vocational qualifi-

THE Government is today said: The time has never been more right to find a job. Unemployment is continuing to fall steadily. At the same time, record numbers of job vacancies are being advertised and filled in Jobcentres." Ministers accept that the TV

advertisements are the first

time that the Government has

advertised the assistance available to jobseekers since before the last election in 1991, but insist there is no electoral Michael Meacher, Labour's shadow Employment Secre-

Government to use taxpayers' money for what are essentially party political purposes". Mr Forth said: "If we were

thinking in electoral terms, I don't think we would be doing

No golden share for Rail

cation. Eric Forth, Education

and Employment Minister,

By MARTIN WALLER

RAILTRACK, the owner of the those sectors last year. How-British Rail network of track, ever, advisers to the Railtrack signalling and stations, is exprivatisation are coming to pected to be privatised without the view that the company the normal "golden share" that needs no such protection. would protect it from a foreign even though final terms of the £1.5 billion-plus sale are not

Previous state sell-offs have expected until nearer the May involved such golden shares. sell-off date. held by the Government either The water and electricity inin perpetuity, as with British Gas or BT, to protect vital dustries were protected because it was felt that their parts of the nation's infrastrucmanagements needed time to ture, or for a five-year period. adjust to the different pressures of being a quoted company. However, because The electricity industry and most of the water industry were sold with a built-in fivemuch of the Railtrack board,

including its chairman, Bob

Horton, have come from out-

side the industry, advisers do

not think that the company needs such protection. The decision to drop the

golden share is open to an alternative interpretation - that it is designed to boost the price raised from the float by minimising interference in Railtrack's affairs by any future Labour government. La-bour has pledged not to renationalise the railways, but a golden share would enable it to ensure that the company did not slip into foreign

Share prices of most quoted utilities have been underpinned recently by prospects



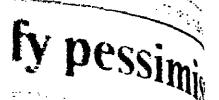
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Circus of the imagination

Benedict Nightingale on the London premiere of a spellbinding new show from Cirque du Soleil

who is quoted in the ads as describing Saltimbanco as a "show d'une beauté incroyable? Indeed, I would go further and say that, if I had to choose between an enormous diamond, one of Miss Taylor's ex-husbands, and a permanent seat at the Cirque du Soleil's ringside, there would be no contest. Only Soleil could be relied on to keep the organs of wonder fully exercised: eyes, ears and the dreamy bits in between.

Everyone should know by now that this Canadian-inspired outfit is different from the circuses of yore. There are no gloomy elephants bowing their knees, no tigers being menaced with chairs; no hyperactive midgets pouring water over each other, nor, for that matter, any acts that occur in boastful isolation. Instead, the Soleil folk create a complete imaginative world that acknowledges tradition, seems to reach into the future, yet is ceaselessly busy in the present. Think of a commedia troupe from Andromeda, or a fairyland ruled by a 21st-century Oberon; add sci-fi sounds and sweet airs; and

you have some of their quality. The impression they give from the first is of tourists who have come from outer or inner space to inspect us earthlings and seek our approval. When they come pouring in through the audience with their beaky

tunics and bodystockings, you almost expect them to start chorusing "take us to your leader". Instead, they chatter away in a lingo that consists largely of amazed squawks and taken-aback chirrups, and launch into the odd experiment on individual

A little boy is helped to do backward somersaults, a young man's T-shirt whipped off, a pompous-looking gent summarily pushed from his

> Saltimbanco Albert Hall

seat: all at the behest of the strangest of ringmasters, a great Mikado in one-piece yellow who stands on a vast stained glass window placed horizontally at the back of the stage. Soleil may be visiting our galaxy, but it is also sucking us into its own.

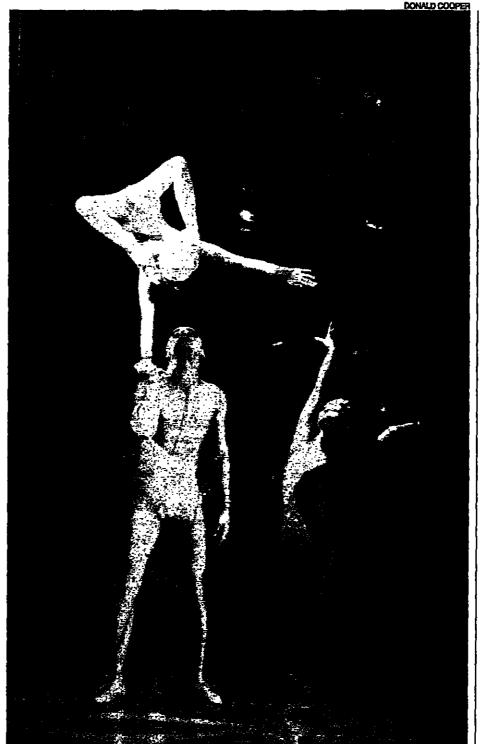
What follows is and isn't a series of excellent acts. Yes, a woman called Cheng Wei deftly whisks between tightropes and onto the saddle of a unicycle in the sky. Yes, Miguel Herrara juggles with seven white balls, sometimes moving them so fast they look like whirling snowflakes. But the rest of the company are never far away: watching, supporting, and flaunting costumes that embrace an infinite variety of alien chic hair of wool, wire or feathers, hats that may be boaters, bowlers hanging off them, the odd tail and pair of wings, and gorgeous colours galore.

Because they have arms and

legs you are obliged to agree that, whatever their plane or planet of origin, they are not exactly non-human. But some different evolutionary process has given their limbs capacities not known in the Nightingale or (I suspect) any other Times household. Can William Rees-Mogg twist his wife into a human noose and slide her down his body, and then form a child into a tiny oblong and drop him down his wife? Intellectually, maybe; but surely not in quite the way an all-yellow Anton Tchelnokov does with his all-blue spouse and all-white son.

The performers skim up

and spin round poles; leap off a giant swing 30 feet in the air and multi-somersault onto a mattress; bounce and whirl to the flies on elastic. An Incredible Hulk lifts an upside-down Hercules onto his paims, then onto his feet and upwards. Gravity is less defied than flouted by beings who look like anything from gladiators to dragon-flies to the results of a mythic coupling between a parrot and a Mr Blobby. Even the funny-man, Rene Bazinet, is not an earthbound clown, but a goody, toothy mime with the skill to create a jungle where there is only a bare stage. The old-style circus ignored the imagination. This fills and lifts it. I cannot



Cirque du Soleil "may be visiting our galaxy, but it is also sucking us into its own"

New talent starts on a high note

LONDON CONCERTS

SHE is poised for Rosenkaval-ier and Figaro in Vienna, for the Schubertiade in Feldkirch Angelika Kirchschlager and for Idomeneo, with Domingo, in 1997; but when Angelika Kirchschlager gave her debut recital as one of the Wigmore Hall's Young Mastersingers, few in London

knew quite what to expect.
The Salzburg-born mezzo-soprano's five introductory folksongs by Brahms were ideally chosen: they uncovered a natural voice already animated by quick-witted musi-cal and verbal perception.

For Schumann's Maria Stuart Lieder, the dark underside of her mezzo-soprano cast its shadow on the long vowels of the Farewell to France, pressing forward in urgent, pleading prayer and containing with calm dignity the inner intensity of her Farewell to the World.

And then Schubert. Songs like Am Bach im Frühling and Fischerweiser seemed to sing themselves, so supple was the voice, so quick the musical intelligence. Yet Der Zwerg was a powerfully stage-managed double-act with pianist

Wigmore Hall Kirchschlager is a keen champion of the music of Erich Korngold, whose lyrical gift and versatility are well shown in the Five Songs Op 38

of 1947. Kirchschlager relished

the broad, voluptuous melody

of Gluckwunsch as readily as the armada-shots of the Old English Song and the way-ward rhapsody of a German-language version of Shakespeare's My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun. Hugo Wolf is clearly also close to Kirchschlager's heart. as five vividly animated songs from the Italienisches Lieder buch showed. Again, with Deutsch's acutely observed accompanying, her Gypsy Woman and Noble Warrior inhabited their miniature dra-

mas with the sense of style and

of bright-eyed communication

which augur so well for this

singer's future. HILARY FINCH

Medieval magic

familiar with medieval music must have been startled by the feast served up here. In the late 14th century a bumper collection of musical revolutionaries — the Stockhausens of their day - gathered in the courts of northern Italy and southern France, and particularly around the papal court at Avignon. Nobody really

knows why. Their "ars subtilior" -- literally, subtle art — is astonishing even to our "heard it all" ears. Typically, a three-part chanson will spin off into a seemingly unhinged display of rhythmical and melodic complexity, with little apparent relationship between the individual voices until the final cadences. The demands made on the performers' concentration and technique is formidable. But still more astonishing is the way in which these flamboyant flourishes of contrapuntal virtuosity stretch the "rules" of medieval music to the point where they can encompass the most convoluted syncopations

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The texts are often equally

subtle: sophisticated conceits

drawing delicate parallels between love, death and the changing seasons. Several make pointed references to birds, allowing the composers (the best-known being Matheus de Perusio) to take the voice on wild vocal cartwheels in imitation of nightingale or lark. Catherine Bott's singing was heroic and mesmerising; but the playing from the Consort (two lutes, recorder, fiddie) was no less exemplary. So was their boldness in gled array. Such a programme reminds us that the tension in late 20th-century musical life between the avant-garde complexity of the Birtwistle school and the "new simplicity" of the minimalists would have been well understood 600 years ago.

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Another noisy night in gangsta paradise

when Coolio's Gangsta's Paradise soared to No I here last October. For all the brooding power of the West Coast rapper's spoken word, the record's sharpest hook came courtesy of a certain old-fashioned Motown tunesmith named Stevie Wonder.

The man who supplied the unmissable vocals for Gangsta's Paradise, an updated version of Wonder's Pastime Paradise, was

The perceived apathy shown by L.V., who graced the Grand stage in a the British pop fan towards the brief warm-up as Coolie began his American phenomenon of European tour. Previewing his own revealed some surprisingly traditional soul tendencies. He covered Alexander O'Neal's If You Were Here Tonight before giving us his recent, solo chart entry Throw Your Hands

> Coolio, for all his sudden escalation to fame with the song reported to be the bestselling single in the world last year, is no one-hit wonder. The man who rapped his way out of the

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mean streets of the Compton district of Los Angeles had America's twenti-eth biggest single of 1994 with Fantastic Voyage, the shape of sam-ples to come in that it combined his verbal attack with a cleverly chosen, easily remembered soul motif.

But since Coolio is now the man who took gangsta rap on to breakfast television, there were more than a about Aids. the majority of his set consisted of all the verbal aggression of his charttopper and not much of the melodic

Appearing with a full band includ-ing three other rappers, he dropped one verbal bomb after another in a tirade of organised shouting. Respite came when he invited audience members on to the stage to add some rhymes of their own, but the sledge-

hammer was back in action for a well-meant but maladroit sermon

The new single, Too Hot, with the Kool and the Gang song of the same name as its backbone, was another exercise in unashamed appropriation, and L.V. reappeared for an exultant Gangsta's Paradise. Most of the remainder was fine for committed gangstas and their molls, but a little acidic to more mainstream

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n 1883, the last year of his I life. Wagner was still con-sidering doing something about Tannhauser, the opera he first produced in Dresden in 1845 and then revised for Paris in 1861. The story is more complicated than that, but one can accept a "Dresden" version, and a "Paris" version that confuses matters by adding, to suit local convention. the Venusberg ballet.
The earliest of all recordings

goes back to 1930 Bayreuth and Wagner's son Siegfried. who approved the project just before his death. Reissued on Pearl (GEMM CDS 9941), it has some splendid singing from Maria Müller as Elisabeth, but must remain a specialist's version. Karl lmendorff conducts.

Elmendorif conducts.

The other versions divide into "Dresden" and "Paris". with Wolfgang Sawallisch making a compromise on Philips (434 607-2) for Bayreuth in 1962. He has Wolfgang the leading the gang Windgassen, the leading heldentenor of his day; a magnificently sensual Grace Bumbry as Venus and the young and appealing Anja Silja's Elisabeth.

Both "Dresden" versions come from EMI. Franz Konwitschny has Hans Hopf in the title role, with Marianne Schech and Elisabeth Grummer as Venus and Elisabeth (CMS 7 63214-2). A rather mediocre recording does not help to give this preference over the version conducted by Bernard Haitink — a finely controlled performance if not



of the grandeur that has since distinguished his Wagner. But it has Lucia Popp brightly contesting the allure of Waltraud Meier's Venus for Klaus König's only moderately appealing Tamhäuser (CDS 7 47296-8).

All the same, that is the version for strict "Dresden" collectors. Anyone else is directed towards Paris. Here. for DGG (427 625-2), Giuseppe Sinopoli has the cachet of Placido Domingo in the title role. But, despite the famed elegance of voice, this is not one of Domingo's greatest operatic interpretations. There is, though, an alluring Venus in Agnes Baitsa, and in Cheryl Studer the finest of all Elisabeths. Domingo's fans will give this pride of place, but there is a stronger case for the 1971 Georg Solti recording for Decca (414 581-2, £36.99). René Kollo understands the music better than Domingo, and is far more moving. Helga Dernesch is a stately Elisabeth; her rival is the formidably sexy Venus of Christa Ludwig. Although he can tend to treat excitement as the prime musical virtue, Solti draws wonderful playing from the Vienna Philharmonic.

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From Seville to Surbiton

Travelling Opera is what it says it is, a peripatetic A group taking performances to theatres large and small around the country.
Officially ten years old, it is now well-established, but has been in operation for longer than that under the aegis of its founder Peter Knapp and under various names. Knapp sings, conducts, translates, adapts, directs, and indulges in no false modesty in his programme notes. The com-pany launched its latest ninecentre tour on Thursday with a revival of Knapp's three-

year-old production of Carmen at the Barbican. Performing Bizer's opera with a cast of only 14 necessitates radical changes; cuts. reordering and some ugly spatchcocking in the third act reduce the running time to around two hours. Balance had not quite been sorted out on the first night (there was, I think, some discreet "sound enhancement" at work), so it is difficult to judge Knapp's translation, and phoney Spanish accents that came and went were no aid to compre-

As for the production itself, well. Peter Brook need lose no sleep: it was limited largely to telling people where to stand, and devising brazen flounces for the girls, village-hall macho gestures for the boys and a great deal too much rhubarb. The characters remained undefined save at the most basic level - Carmen a tart, José a wimp -- and there was an inescapable feel of Home Counties to the evening, Surbiton rather than Seville.

What made it not just bear-

able but actually rather enjoy-

able was the playing and

Carmen Barbican

singing. The conductor Roderick Dunk showed an instinctive feel for the music, shaping the tunes with real insight. and the playing of the 12-strong chamber orchestra was consistently well shaded and nuanced (Richard Balcombe's reorchestration is properly faithful to the spirit of Bizet). With Dunk in charge, audiences on the tour will readily

understand the reasons for Carmen's eternal appeal. And there is appealing singing from fresh young voices. Janet Mooney's mezzo is firmtoned, warm and with a resinous edge when needed in the finale, and she phrased her hit numbers very seductively. Mark Luther (José) is a light

lyric tenor and doesn't pretend to be anything else; the loudest note he sang all evening was. unfortunately, the soft B flat at the end of his sensitive account of the Flower Song, but never mind — he is a careful and musical singer. Talitha Theobald's bright, cleanly defined Micaëla gave consistent pleasure. If there were one or two examples of the Art of Coarse Opera Singing lower down the cast. Diana McNeillis's fruity Mercédes aimed and achieved higher than that. The energy and commitment of all were beyoud reproach. On its own terms and purely musically, this touring Carmen has a lot

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How Dominic from the Love Shack made me feel my age



Jane Gordon aged 23, long before the onset of gravity

was 16-year-old Dominic Sharland who finally made me understand when they talked about "looking the demon in the eye". It was one of those hot, hot days last summer and Dominic was sitting in our garage talking to my daughter and a group of their friends. The floor of the graffiti-covered Love Shack (as garage had become known) was littered with empty cans of beer and abandoned packets of cigarettes. Thousands, maybe millions, of teeming teenage hormones hung in the air around them ike particles of dust.

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back door became for me the rite of passage between youth and middle age, but the 20 yards I walked, carrying six Sainsbury's carrier bags and a couple of stone in extra weight. made me realise that I was no

longer, well, young. can't remember exactly what it was that Dominic said. but I know that the way in which this perfect specimen of emergent manhood, this vision from a Levis ad, said my name - not "Jane" but "Mrs Gordon" - projected me into a

For the first time I found myself seriously considering a cliché that, heaven knows, I had heard often enough in my own blushing youth: "If only I were 20 years younger . .

Later that day I confided to a friend how awful I had found the spectre of Dominic looking at me - or rather through me as if I were the invisible

middle-aged woman.
"Oh no," he said, in a placatory tone. "I'm sure the boys don't see you like that. I'm sure they see you more as a Mrs Robinson figure . . ." Which somehow compounded my distress. In my head, although long since out of the sexual fray, I still saw myself in the role of juvenile lead rather than that of the bitter.

unfulfilled older woman. In the bright blue eyes Dominic I might be a sad old wrinkly, but I still saw myself. until that particular day, as I had been 20 years before.

Of course, there had been the occasional indication that every woman's enemy, gravity, had caught up with me. In both mind and body I was not as amusing as I had once been. I had started to tut-tut at youth cult television series such as Bottom, and I had begun to buy "comfortable" clothes in stretch elastic rather than in figure-hugging Lycra

Then there were those other irritating little signs of the spiral towards death - greengrocers calling me "love" rather than "darling", backache, falling asleep reading my youngest child his bedtime story, voting for the Liberal Democrats in the last election. not being able to read the

I was shocked into a frantic, and sometimes tragic, five-month search for the elixir of youth

maps in the A-Z or the microwave instructions on the M&S ready-made meals, and finding myself - once the scourge of the highways driving a Volvo estate car in the slow lane listening to Sounds of the Seventies com-

pilation tapes.
But it took Dominic to shock me into a frantic — and at times tragic - five-month period in which I was to search relentlessly for the elixir of youth. It took Dominic to make me realise that when it came to ageing, to looking the demon in the eye". I was, as they say, in denial

A week after the Love Shack

incident. I enrolled in one of dence that I had arrested my those slimming clubs that are decline and fall. for the overweight and middle-My concern with ageing aged, rather like five-step proturned into an obsession. I bought a magnifying mirror Standing up among a group of and tortured myself looking at women in similar circumthe creeping signs of age - the stances and saying: "My name little lines, the open pores, the is Mrs Gordon and I am a fat. pockets of flesh that had settled on my cheekbones. I middle-aged person" did give me a little comfort, even if the spent hours reading beauty other women reminded me. magazines scarching for the even more soundly, of the latest anti-ageing technology. I enormity of my mission. became an authority on enzymes, elastins, antioxidants,

A stern and matronly woman lectured us all in evangelistic tones about what she called her "loser-friendly weight-loss regime". "Mind over platter." she would say as she eyed our bulging bodies. My mid-life urge to recapture my lost youth was not

seen me coming. Estée Lauder had come up with an "instantlimited merely to diet. I found cream. Lancôme promised me that in just eight days I could myself scanning the shelves of health shops for pills and potions that could accelerate skin", and Yves Saint Laurent my rejuvenation. I took Royal - at £30 for a small tube of a cementy gel - offered me an "instant facelift" that left me. Jelly, infusions of ginseng, spoonfuls of vitamin E supplement and shovels of someon the one evening I tried it, spelli that came from the bark of trees found unable to move my mouth to smile, talk or eat. trees found in Central

improvement. "Don't tell me." a friend said one day over lunch. "you're on that HRT.

Slowly. I began to see small signs of rejuvenation, Well, signs that I might temporarily he able to hold back the sands

truth in the Love Shack. I stood up and realised that although I was still mouthing the required words "My name is Mrs Gordon and I am a fat, middle-aged person", they were no longer entirely true. I had, through masochistic selfapplication, cured one of my addictions. I was now just a

regular-sized middle-aged And although I knew by

For at some point during my relentless search for self-imhad stuck stoically by me through thick and thin, suddenly noticed that, in fact, I had gone from thick to thin and admitted that he rather liked the results. Romance. long lost from our frantic

But I didn't realise that I had come to terms with the ageing process until, one cold Saturday afternoon in early December, with the Love Shack closed for the winter, I walked into the kitchen to find Dominic and a dozen other teenagers littered round the

"Oh. Mrs Gordon." he said as I bent down in my new size 10 jeans and placed my shopping bags on the floor. "you look well"

I stood up and looked the demon in his bright blue eyes and it was all right. I knew that he still saw me as a sad old wrinkly, but the crucial difference was that now I saw myself as a rather contented

old wrinkly. I didn't even mind when I heard him say, as I left the room and went upstairs: "She must have been quite attractive when she was young ...



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then that recapturing the youth I had only just realised I had lost was an impossibility, the process of searching for it had, in its way, had a curative

To be fair, there was a slight provement, my husband, who

... offering advice on how to stay looking and feeling younger, longer

Healthy genes matter more than a healthy body

it does, but are not sure exactly how much of a blessing or burden our parents are.

"Lifespan depends to a large extent on heredity," according to the British Medical Association Complete Family Health Encyclopaedia. Prolessor Tom Kirkwood from Manchester University, a leading researcher in the hunt for the genes which influence ageing, is more cautious. There is an inherited factor, but the degree is quite small. . . parents need to live a very long time for it to make much lifference." he says.

That genes are involved at all is beyond scientific doubt. Researchers such as Professor Kirkwood, who is looking into the biological causes of ageing, cite evidence that those who reach a ripe old age are more likely to have long-lived parents. Quantifying this is quite tricky, but various studies put the fraction of longevity passing down to the next generation at about 20 per cent. So, if each of your parents lived 25 years longer than expected, you would stand to gain an extra five years.

Secondly, a genetic defect can give rise to premature component for the process of ageing. Those with the most well-known condition, Werner's syndrome, begin to age as adolescents. They lose their hair and teeth and become susceptible to diseases associated with the elderly, such as cataracts and arthritis.

Werner's syndrome may be linked to abnormally fast cell division. As cells divide, telomeres - DNA sequences found at the end of chromosomes — shrink. One theory still in its early stages but already attracting massive hype and big investment from excitable, ageing millionaires is that, by manipulating telomere length, we can halt the malfunctioning of cells. that lead to ageing.

wood issued a note of caution to elderly millionaires hoping to live forever. "The telomere work is only one of a spectrum of mechanisms involved in the ageing of dividing cells. Also. non-dividing cells such as brain cells are equally important to ageing."

hirdly, lifespan varies according to species, suggesting that similar patterns of gene inheritance give members of the same species comparable lifespans.

It is the sphere of influence of the genetic connection that is a matter of debate."There are also non-genetic influences such as lifestyle, diet and environment," says Professor Kirkwood.

The balance between these factors is unknown and probably differs between people after all, many centenarians attribute their longevity to smoking, drinking and ignoring medical advice. Indeed, certain personality traits, some of which may have



The key to longevity may be a gift from your parents

genetic roots, might well be a key to their survival. John Crimley Evans, Pro-

fessor of Clinical Gerontology at Oxford University, in a report by the Medical Research Council said that cantankerous and wilful souls were more likely to live longer than milder mannered people. The genetic fraction of the ageing equation is not likely to

be one gene. "We expect at least tens of genes to be involved," says Professor Kirkwood. "These might be hierarchical, so that some are more important than others. But many genes are involved in health and disease, all of which might contribute to the overall ageing process."

An unlikely spur for re-search into the genetic causes of ageing has come from an obscure worm known as C. elegans. The genetic blueprint, or genome, of this Imm-long worm is still being unravelled. but researchers have already found six genes which seem to affect ageing. "Mutating these genes increases the lifespan by up to four times," says Dr Gordon Lithgow, a colleague of Professor Kirkwood's at Manchester University.

However, even in a biologi-

while others stay young

longer? Scientists think

they may have found a test

for ageing that will show

who will grow old quickly

by measuring the level of a

chemical, giutathione, in

the blood, Jeremy Laur-

Glutathione is known to

protect the body against toxins that have destructive

effects on the cells. Correct-

ing a deficiency of the

chemical in mosquitoes in-

creases their lifespan by 40

Research has shown that

glutathione levels decline

with age but are highest in

the over-80s, suggesting

ance writes.

worm, which normally lives for about 20 days, the effects of these genes are complex. Dr Lithgow explains: Two of those genes act in a very odd way. Changing one on its own can double lifespan, and changing the other on its own

than expected." Dr Lithgow was surprised but not bowled over. "If it were a tenfold difference, then I would be impressed.~ The unexpected twist is that

has no effect whatsoever. But

mutating both makes the

worms live four times longer

mutating a gene knocks it out of action, or at least damages its ability to do whatever it is supposed to do. This implies that the six genes (researchers suspect there are others) connected with extending the worm's lifespan are all suppressors of some sort. The genetically changed worms were found to be more resistant to stressful conditions. such as hot environments and ultraviolet radiation. This could be the key.

Could human beings possess similar "negative" genes which could be put out of action? "Similar genes do exist in humans but will not do the same thing when mutated," says Dr Lithgow, who adds

with the highest levels of

glutathione had lower

blood pressure, lower cho-

lesterol, were less likely to

be overweight and rated

themselves as healthier.

Those with chronic condi-

tions such as heart disease.

arthritis and diabetes had

Scientists believe that

giutathione reserves may

become depleted in people

who expose themselves to

noxious substances such as

tobacco smoke or a high-fat

diet, reducing their capaci-ty to fight disease. So identifying those who will

age fastest could help them

to take evasive action.

lower levels.

Scientists discover a

test for ageing

WHY IS IT that some of us age quickly, showing early signs of physical decline, study showed that people

times the DNA of this worm complex. The Manchester researchers do, however, think that the worm research has given them an important clue. Dr Lithgow points out that

the seemingly beneficial mutations are not without sideeffects: "Changing one of the genes renders the worm incapable of producing sperm, so although it can live longer it cannot reproduce." This is a neat illustration of

Professor Kirkwood's theory of human ageing, which is based on evolution. Darwin's theory of evolution is, famously, about the survival of the fittest. Professor Kirkwood has worked out that reaching max-"fitness" requires a certain investment of energy in repairing damaged cells as they are produced. But our genes must survive, which means we must breed. Therefore we cannot waste too much energy on elaborate biological defences because we must preserve some to reach adulthood and start reproducing.

ut this trade-off between living and breeding - seen in the spermless worm - means that immortality goes against the Darwinian theory of evolution. The only way we can achieve immortal ity is through our genes, and Professor Kirkwood suggests we are sacrificed in order that our genes can continue.

This theory seems promising because scientific evidence appears to fit many of its predictions. Healthy genes are more important than a healthy body, and long-lived organisms, such as human beings and primates, have better cell maintenance systems than short-lived ones.

To test his theory, Professor Kirkwood is concentrating on identifying the genes which underlie the maintenance and repair of the body's cells, particularly in the production of proteins.

by free radicals and incorrect processing in the body," he says. Proteins also need to be folded into shape, and this biological origami is not always flawless.

Another source of protein damage comes as our cells continually renew themselves by dividing. Each new cell contains a photocopy of the individual's genetic code, which holds the instructions for the manufacture of the proteins. In the average human being, 100 billion cells (equivalent to about two-thousandths of the total number of cells in the body) divide each day, so there is potential for

this replication to go awry.

Although most problems are rectified, a few will slip through the net and become permanent mutations. Professor Kirkwood thinks that finding out why some faults are not repaired - and then patching them up - might be the key to adding an extra decade or two to human life.

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They have a lively sex life

and a loving relation-

ship with a much your-



Big babies have a longer life

PREGNANCY PRECAUTION

JACK, a patient of mine, is only 49, but he already has high blood pressure, diabetes and coronary heart disease. Unusually, none of the wellknown risk factors for these conditions applies to him. He follows an exemplary diet low in calories, salt and saturated fats, and high in vitamins and fibre. He has never smoked. Until his angina was diagnosed he took a brisk three-mile walk every day. His parents both lived to

group with a predisposition to diabetes or heart disease (such as South Asians). "What have I done wrong?" Jack asked me the other day. The explanation probably lies in Jack's early childhood. in the months before he was born, and even, some experts now think, in the weeks

before he was conceived. Jack

was a victory baby, born in a

\$4. He is not from an ethnic

after the end of the Second World War, into a family of three children. Jack was not a premature baby, but he weighed only 5lb at birth. At one year, he was

still being taken to the clinic to be weighed every week because he had gained so little. But after he turned ten, he began to grow tubby. He is now a rather Pickwickian figure - short in stature. round in face and full in girth. Several characteristics of

Jack's mother (thin build, low weight gain during pregnancy. anaemia, repetitive and poor-quality diet, and smok-ing), of Jack himself (low birth weight after adjusting for prematurity, poor weight gain in the first year of life, and bottle feeding), and of the overall family environment in his early childhood (cramped, damp housing, and several closely spaced siblings), are now known to be associated with an increased risk of three of the West's major killers: high blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease.

WHAT, if anything, can today's mothers do to ensure that the odds of cardiovascular disease are not loaded against their sons and daughters even before they have entered the world?

First and foremost, they should give up smoking and persuade their partner to do so too, since both active and passive smoking by the mother will reduce the weight of the baby. It is known that big babies have a longer life. Secondly, they should keep their alcohol intake to belov

(especially) in the early days when they are not sure whether they are pregnant or not. Thirdly, they should ensure that they do not embark upon

a pregnancy if they are underweight. Blood pressure in children (which correlates with blood pressure and heart disease risk in adults) has been shown to be inversely related to the mother's skinfold thickness (a measure of body fat) in the early weeks of pregnancy.

Pregnant women need to pay careful attention to the quality of their diet. Research in this country has shown that the diet of women from poor backgrounds who give birth to small babies is adequate in catories, but is relatively lacking in vitamins A. B-complex and C, as well as in protein, folic acid, iron and calcium.

> DR TRISHA **GREENHALGH**

How love, security and a stress-free day keep the years at bay



Age is no barrier to energy: Audrey Hepburn and Fred Astaire in Funny Face

ger partner. They take plenty of gentle exercise, have lots of hobbies, are more likely to be vegetarians and refuse to suffer stress. These are the "superyoung", a group of par-agons who, as if they were not irritating enough already, also look and feel years younger than their actual age. This group of bright-eyed.

smooth-skinned, bushy-haired and hyper-energetic people have, for the past eight years, been the subject of a study by Dr David Weeks, a clinical neuropsychologist at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital. Dr Weeks has studied the

lifestyles of 3,500 people aged between 20 and 101, who contacted him after he advertised in the media for subjects who looked considerably younger than their age. They sent in photographs which were judged by an independent panel, who agreed that these people looked, on average. 12 to 14 years younger than their actual age.

The aim of the study is to look at the connection between

THE SECRETS OF THE SUPERYOUNG age and ill-health and to a major factor for aspiring For instance, if they were Dorian Greys. "Our study of

women in their forties showed

just how sensitive people can

be to chronic stress. Women

who were suffering from anxi-

ety began to look older in a

matter of months. But if they

were able to solve their prob-

lem, they soon looked your-

ger." The superyoung are particularly adept at stress avoidance. "They devised vari-

ous schemes for avoiding what

they called the wrong kind of

stress, kinds that could be very

easily converted into anger.

discover whether the ageing process is based on environmental or hereditary factors. So far. Dr Weeks has discovered five or six factors that the supervoung have in common.

Sadly, however, none of the recipes for youthfulness can be had on prescription. Eternal youth, it seems, is genetically programmed.
What is more, youth tends to be a bonus granted to those

who are already happy and fulfilled. "These people tend to have a vigorous and robust sex life," he says. "Most make love more than twice a week. But the quantity isn't as important as the quality of the relationship. These people empathise with their partners and really trust them.

But which came first, the youthful looks or the happy relationships? According to Dr Weeks, the relationships. "These give them a great sense of security and act as a buffer to any stressful problems they have had in their lives." Avoiding stress, it seems, is HEALTH OFFER £80,000 worth

of free health club memberships to be won in our prize draw Page 36

working with someone who made them feel hostile, then they tried to avoid them. rather than confront them." All these people tend to be hearty types with a variety of

hobbies and enthusiasms. ity and a fairly good sense of fun and humour." says Dr Weeks, who has also written a study of eccentrics. He discovered that people who refused to violate their ideals and conform were healthier and happier than those who cared about other people's opinions.

There are some things, however, that the determinedly misanthropic can do to keep up with this smug bunch. The superyoung. Dr Weeks says. keep out of the sun, don't smoke, eat a well-balanced diet (they are slightly more likely to be vegetarians than the average) and, most importantly, take exercise.

"This doesn't have to be very vigorous." Dr Weeks says. "We are not talking about Jane Fonda workouts but someMost of these people began their physical activity in their late teens or early twenties, quite often by chance, because. for example, they found themselves living in a rural area without transport and so walked more frequently." People who exercised obsessively shared more traits with workaholics who, according to Dr Weeks, never look younger than they are. "None of the women used a special moisturiser, although

thing equivalent to three 20-minute brisk walks a week.

women had received hormone replacement therapy and raved about the benefits. "The women we spoke to were almost unanimous in singing its praises." To some, the list will be undoubtedly disappointing. As Oscar Wilde said: "To win

a few said they used plain ofive

oil." Dr Weeks says. Many

back my youth ... there is nothing I wouldn't do - except take exercise, get up early, or be a useful member of the

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THE BATTLE of the bulge has entered a new and possibly decisive phase with the news, in the journal Cell, that scientists at Miliennium Pharmaceuticals and Hoffman-La Roche have cloned a gene that could be responsible for obesity.

A year ago, scientists at Rockefeller University identified the gene, known as ob, in an obese strain of mice, and the hormone it is responsible for producing, called leptin. The latter circulates in the bloodstream and carries information to the brain about the body's fat levels. Mice without leptin do not receive the signal, and so go on eating until they are twice the size of

ordinary mice.

The problem is that obese human beings. rather than being short of leptin, appear to have too much of it, but still eat more than they need. So increasing leptin levels in such people by injecting the hormone is unlikely to have any effect.

Attention. therefore, switched to other possible reasons why the message wasn't getting through. For any chemical messenger to deliver its signal it must lock on to an appropriate receptor on the surface of the cells, like a plug fitting into a socket. Perhaps it was not leptin, but the leptin receptor, that was absent in obese people?

For that, another obese mouse provided the model. This is a breed called db because it is prone to a form of diabetes and also gets

Satellite listens in

to life on Earth

very fat. In the Cell paper, Dr Louis Tartaglia and colleagues report that they have taken material from a region of the brain called the choroid plexus in these mice and found that it binds with leptin.

> They then screened a series of ene products from this part of the brain with leptin to identify the gene responsible for producing the receptor. They found, interestingly, that it lies on the same chromosome as the ob gene and appears to be remark-The implication is that the

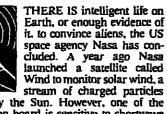
two are the same, which would mean that db mice are fat, and perhaps diabetic too, because they lack the leptin receptor. Millennium has reason to hope that the same will apply to obese people, and to who suffer the type of diabetes

known as type II or age-onset.

The company's chief executive officer,
Mark Levin, says that Millennium is now
working with Roche to develop orally active drugs to treat obesity caused by leptin stance. "We believe this type of product should have a wider range of use than leptin-

based drugs."

But this is unlikely to be the last word on the genetics of obesity. It is probable that the pathway used by leptin to deliver its signal has other key elements which may be lacking in some individuals. And nobody has yet shown that leptin resistance is the real reason for obesity in human beings.



emitted by the Sun. However, one of the detectors on board is sensitive to shortwave bands and regularly picked up radio signals from Earth, including a burst that could be attributed to the BBC. But Michael Kaiser, of the Nasa-Goddard

Space Flight Centre, told Sky and Telescope magazine that the satellite could pick up these signals only if it were well within the solar system. So the notion that the first an alien would hear of us would be the cricket scores on the World Service is dashed.

The loudest man-made signals, which carry many light years into interstellar space. are not benign radio broadcasts, but the output of powerful phased-array radars designed to detect ballistic missiles. Any alien intelligent enough to identify those would get a good idea of what kind of creature inhabits

Snowdrop protein repels aphid attack



THE SNOWDROP packs a punch that will soon be used to protect commercial crops against aphids.

Two Belgian scientists, Willy Peumans and Els Van Damme, from the Catholic University of Leuven, have found that snowdrops produce a protein that makes them very unattractive to a range of sap-sucking insects.

The two isolated the gene responsible. which is now being introduced into other plants by the Cambridge-based company. Axis Genetics. Potatoes given the gene have proved resistant to the potato glasshouse aphid. The US Department of Agriculture now plans to try it against an aphid which attacks wheat.

The beauty of the gene is that it does not produce a poison, to which the aphids might quickly become immune, but a protein that appears to work by repelling them. This, Axis hopes, will make the development of resistance less likely.

The most noticeable effect was that aphids on the genetically engineered plants pro-duced far fewer young.



"Rambo" the sheep with Dr Kim Tan, who believes that producing monoclonal antibodies from sheep promises more effective treatments

Flocking to the rescue ON A FARM in Surrey, a small flock of sheep is grazing to a purpose. The animals are being grown not for their meat or their wool, but for the antibodies circulating in their bloodstreams. One day these antibodies may be used to target human cancers. Twenty years ago, in one of the Nobel prizewinning break-

مكناءن الأصل

throughs of the biotechnology revolution, César Milstein and Georges Köhler, working at **flock** of sheep is helping the human body.
They found that they could to target anticancer drugs, as useful amounts by creating a Nigel Hawkes discovers

Cambridge, found a way of

producing large quantities of antibodies, the exquisitely de-

signed proteins that lead the

fight against alien invaders in

manufacture antibodies in

hybrid between the cells that

make them and the cells of

tumours. This married the

specificity of the antibodies -

each designed to deal with a

particular invader, or antigen

- to the immortality of the

cancer cells, which go on

dividing for ever. Monoclonal

antihodies, so called because

they derive from a single

antibody cell, had been born.

They seemed to promise

huge possibilities in fighting

disease. If the body's own

defences could be reinforced

by multiplying its frontline

troops, surely every disease could be defeated? Alas, expe-

rience has taught otherwise.

estimated, the time-line was

unrealistic and the claims

were overstated." admitted Dr

Lloyd Oid, a leading Ameri-

can specialist, at a recent

conference which focused on

the use of antibody therapies

"It really hasn't come good," concedes Dr Kim Tan, the

scientist behind the sheep

safely grazing down in Surrey.

"But now there is a growing

consensus that things are eet-

ting better.

The Department of Trade

and Industry shares the view

and has backed Dr Tan's

company. KS Biomedix, with a research grant. And a lead-

ing cancer researcher. Profes-

sor Adrian Harris of Oxford

University, has recently joined

the company to act as a scientific adviser.

of monoclenals at the Chur-

chill Hospital in Oxford. The

Therapeutic Antibody Centre.

which is part of the university.

is the result of an agreement

struck between the Medical

Research Council and the

pharmaceutical company

LeukoSite Inc. Its aim is to test

a variety of antibodies in the

treatment of theumatoid ar-

thritis, multiple sclerosis and

other diseases caused by the

faults in the immune system.

he renewed optimism

has also led to the

obenius of a centre

for the manufacture

against cancer.

"The difficulties were under-

One of the problems with monoclonal antibodies is that they have come mostly from mice, not men. They are made by injecting a disease-causing agent into the mouse and provoking the animal's immune response. Then the cells responsible for producing the antibodies are harvested from the mouse's spicen, and fused in the laboratory with myeloma cells. The results are hybridomas - cells which combine the cancer's immortality with the spicen cells'

> is to enzyme to the tumour'

ability to produce antibodies Since the mouse is the standard laboratory animal. mouse antibodies have been the normal product. But mouse antibodies are foreign matter when injected into hu-man patients and provoke their own immune response. This means that repeated injections are usually impossible, and that any treatment based on mouse antibodies must be effective within a few

Trials also quickly showed that with cancer at least. antibodies on their own were not enough to kill off the tumour: To improve the hitrate, an ingenious strategy was adopted. The antibody was linked to a more conventional cancer-killing drug, and merely used as a guide-dog, carrying the drug directly to the tumour. In this case, the antihodies would be those that recognise and bind to specific proteins that are found on the surface of cancers, but no-

Producing monoclonal anti-bodies from sheep rather than

mice can increase binding a

thousandfold, and should pro-

duce a much more effective

The actual production pro-

cess does no harm to the

animals. They are injected

with the cancer proteins, and

Ingenious as it is, this strategy has also had limited success. The news is not all negative: an antibody that recognises a cell-surface protein in non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a common cancer, has been used with some success to ferry atoms of radioactive iodiné-131 to the tumours.

Dr Oliver Press, of the University of Washington in Seattle, has reported that in 19 natients for whom conventional drugs had failed, the "magic bullet" treatment had removed all sign of the disease in 16.

nfortunately, proteins towards which the antibodies make a beeline are not always found only on the cancers. Sometimes they are on normal cells, sometimes they may be released and floating free. This means that the antibody-directed drugs can cause a lot of collateral damage.

Kenneth Professor Bagshawe, of Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School in London, came up with an even more ingenious strategy. Instead of delivering a drug to the cancer, Professor Bagshawe's ADEPT system delivers an enzyme. (ADEPT stands for antibody-directed

enzyme pro-drug therapy.)
The idea is to carry the enzyme to the turnour, and use the antibody to bind it to the target protein. Then, a couple of days later, a harmless "prodrug is injected into the patient. The enzyme breaks down the pro-drug to create an active drug, but only at the site where the enzyme is bound. This, argued Professor Bagshawe, should be more precise in its lethal effects. killing only the cancer cells and not healthy ones.

Trials in animal models have shown encouraging results, and the drug company Zeneca is now developing the technique for the treatment of colon cancer. But Dr Tan argues that the technique is likely to be effective only if the enzyme binds strongly to the tumour cells.

This is where the sheep come in. The larger the animal, the stronger the binding of the antibodies," he says.

their white blood cells make the antibodies. A sample of blood from the sheep then provides the basic material for producing the monoclonal antibodies, in exactly the same way as from mice. It sounds simple, but it has taken eight years of work to get this far, and there is still some way to go before the sheep monoclo-

nals can be tried in therapy. There is, though, a new optimism. Dr Press says that many in the field feel apologetic that it has not delivered so far. "But I always thought that would take a long time to atisfy the expectations raised in the popular press, so I was neither surprised nor disappointed. I think we're making slow, steady progress."

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OUT FRIDAY



Magnus Linklater recalls the dreadful moment he was forced to pull the plug on an old family friend's life-support system



There has been a death in the family this week. As so often in these matters, it has been a slow and painful one. But in this case there has been an extra dimension to the gricf: the departed one has taken valuable secrets to the grave, information which may never now be recovered. Our dearly beloved computer, its origins betrayed by the copyright sign Microsoft 1987, has gone to the great database in the sky.

The signs came early on. Starting up each morning was an increasing struggle. The terrible warning sign "Disc Boot Failure" appeared ever more frequently on the screen, followed by wheezing sounds from somewhere inside the frame as we tried desperately to encourage it to face another day. A gentle touch to the starter switch produced the best results, but we found it helpful to leave it for ten minutes or so while it gathered its strength to try again.

We called in a computer medic who looked it over, somewhat unsympathencally we thought. He suggested that it was malingering. What it really needed,

The day my computer died

he said, was a sharp blow to the side of the monitor, and he gave it one. So shocked was the machine that it did. indeed, spring into action and proceeded to boot up, download and print out with a speed and accuracy it hadn't managed in weeks. But later it was clearly drained by the activity, and it never again responded in quite the same way.

Finally the day came when the medic took us on one side and suggested that the time had come to put it to rest and replace it with a brand-new machine. He was clearly no great believer in the need for grief-counselling and seemed to us rather more enthusiastic about extolling the virtues of the new MS-Dos 6.22 model with Windows and increasedmegabyte-capacity than he was in easing the departure of our friend and companion. But he did stress that it would be kinder all round if we accepted the

conference and agreed it was for the best. There is a rather harrowing ritual involved in disposing of a terminally sick computer. One has to extract any remaining files contained on its hard disk before handing it over to the dealers to do what they have to do. I decided that this should be carried out at the shop

of actually seeing it happen. I therefore unplugged it for the last time, loaded it into the back of the car and drove quickly away without telling anyone. I am not, I confess, very brave about these things. I simply left it with them, told them to do whatever was necessary, and then let me know the result. The telephone call, when it came, was worse

than I could possibly have imagined.

They had opened up the outer casing, but

rather than subject the family to the pain

inevitable. We held a quiet family badly corrupted that they couldn't extract the files remaining on it. The machine was being kept alive only by some electronic life-support system. I was shocked to the core. I heard myself saying: "I demand a second opinion." Then: "Don't move, I'm coming round."

> shop. The sight I saw was too awful for words. There, wired up to a series of other machines, its screen barely flickering, was my computer. I scarcely recognised it. The outer casing had been removed and its insides were revealed: a row of electrodes, wafers and chips, the bits you don't ever want to know about.

leapt into the car and raced to the

"Was there anything important on it?" said the computer man. "Important?" I yelped. Only every single letter 1 had typed and stored over the past five years. veritable cornucopia of corres-

pondence, a time capsule of communication. If I lost that I lost half a decade of my most intimate life. True, there were also some of the most boring letters ever written, but there were others which, well ... I asked if I could at least read some of the filenames. Just seeing them

brought tears to the eyes. I leant over the familiar keyboard and whispered some encouraging words. Then I moved the cursor onto the top file and pressed Enter. For a moment i thought I heard an answering groan,

then the screen sputtered out: Error reading Drive C. Abort? Retry? Ignore? It was a terrible choice for anyone to make, worse if you were consigning part of yourself to limbo. I pressed Retry, but I knew in my heart it was no good. The computer man murmured something about a London specialist with a brandnew treatment. Expensive of course, but possibly worth a try. I shook my head

sadly. It would just prolong the agony. We both knew what had to be done. He raised a final questioning eyebrow and I nodded. Then he switched it off.

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also be used for charity. She raised thousands of pounds

with her "Hearts for Sarajevo"

campaign in France, and ran similar campaigns for the

homeless in New York and Britain. At the moment, there

are exquisitely-wrapped condoms in baskets at the check-

outs. "I suppose I am still a Catholic in the sense that I

belong to the Left and believe we should help other people."

ndeed, her scruples are

one reason why her

clothes are expensive -

they are all made in

what's happening to my

clothes. I don't want children

to make my clothes. I don't

want badly paid people to

The cost is most assounding in her children's section - £30

for the famous cardigan for a

one-year-old. Can she justify

that? "Well, to get full use you

either have to hand the clothes on to friends or ..." here she smiles wickedly, "have five

One other criticism -- voiced

make my clothes."

Life is not all hedonism. Although she is happy to make

Women, my clothes and sex.

he top Paris designer Agnès b. talks to Kate Muir about free love, smoking and a lifetime of rebellion

THERE was little indication in 1941, when Agnès b. was born Agnès Troublé into a respectable Roman Catholic family in occupied France, that she would grow up to run a £70 million international clothing empire, have five children by three different fathers, and develop a lasting penchant for black leather

The appropriately-named Troubles were upstanding citizens of the town of Versailles. until the young Agnès veered spectacularly off course. At 17, she fell in love with a fellow student, Christian Bourgois, and married him - "you had to in those days". By 18, she was pregnant, and at 19 gave birth to twins. By 20 she was divorced — a single working mother, who started to design clothes to survive.

All this could not have pleased Mme Troublé, a strict matriarch from a military ed at the Légion d'Honneur school for children of servicemen, and kept a similar atmosphere at home. Her four children were always perfectly turned out. Agnès in her pretty little dresses with crisply ironed collars. The seeds for A designer rebellion were sown designer rebell very early on.

Te were a classic bourgeois famed, and my life now is so different from that," says the fully-grown Agnès b., curled with a cigarette on the white sofa of her minimalist loft-workshop. "My life is open, but in my family people were hiding parts of their lives, their private thoughts. They were always maintaining this façade of decency. prefer to live a real life, and if I change husbands... well. fine, I change husbands," she

shrugs, laughing. Directness and simplicity became her motto, in life as much as design. By the time Agnes b. was 34, she had shed not only her respectability and her past, but also both her surnames. She opened her first shop in Paris, filled it with her own designs, and had the sense to know that Agnès Troublé was not the most promising title. She considered her married name of Bourgois, but her former husband, an editor, "had a certain notoriety in the publishing world which seemed incompatible with my work as a designer". So she just kept the b. for her brand name, "lower case, because it suits me

The Agnes b. company celebrates its twentieth anniversa-

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A fashion rebel at ease: Agnès b. on the white sofa of her minimalist loft-workshop in Paris. Directness and simplicity have become her motto, in life as much as in design

ry this year, with 80 shops around the world, four in Britain. The secret of Agnès b. designs is that they pass almost unrecognised: usually black or grey, simple and perfectly cut. To those in the know, they carry a discreet signal. "My clothes are

changed by the person who wears them, not vice versa," says the designer, herself in her near-ubiquitous leather jeans and one of her little cropped cardigans. The Agnès b. cardigan, made in

sweatshirt material with a row of pearl press-studs, has become a classic. changing only slightly every year. It is not cheap at about £50. but good value when hours of wear per penny are considered. More than two million Agnès b. cardigans have been

sold, and most still remain washable, eternal favourites in wardrobes worldwide. The idea for the row of pearl studs came from the priests' cassocks which she remembered from her Versailles childhood, but her subverted version is worn more

unbuttoned. Those who still cannot visualise the Agnès b. style need only think back to the Quentin Tarantino film Pulp Fiction. As Uma Thurman dances with John Travolta. there is a fine opportunity to examine her Agnès b. fitted white shirt with enormous cuffs, soft black trousers cut the ankle, and Travolta's long-line black jacket with a leather collar. Under-

stated, and incredibly cool. Agnès b. never does any marketing, and shuns all advertising. Neither has been necessary, since she relies entirely on instinct. She will

often spend a couple of hours To those

> who are in the know, wearing the Agnès b. label carries a discreet signal

in front of the mirror trying on her test designs — are the shoulders too tight? Does she want bigger pockets? "I like pockets," she says, fiddling with some on a little black dress. "Where else do you put

your hands?" This understanding that the right clothes can bring comfort in embarrassing or frightening situations is exactly why women are prepared to pay for an Agnes b. She is aware of the subtle psychology of dressing: Women like to change character day by day through what they wear, to play at being different people." Besides, the typical custom-

er is rarely a vulgar or obvious sort. Her London shops are in the Portobello Road, Hampstead, Covent Garden and

South Kensington, which says precisely who her clientele are. That is not to say that understatement is unattractive. "Any clothes can be sexy,

depending on the woman who wears them. I don't like really tough, sexy clothes becaues there is too much obvious intention." In 1975, when Ag-

nes b. decided to set up shop, it was in reaction to the fashion-victim ethos of that time (with flares and polyester, an acknowledged low point in style). "I had no plan at all, but I used to work for someone else, designing new stuff every season, and I thought we needed easier, simpler

clothes that did not

have to change constantly. I hate the spectacle of fashion -I wanted to do something more serious." She went into business with

her second husband and father of two more children. Jean-René de Fleurieu. She had all the clothes made in basic white and dyed the rest personally in the shop.

Customers could buy direct off the clothes-line. "We loved it. It was a home from home. and all our friends hung out

She tries to keep her new headquarters, a loft building in the up-and-coming République area, in the same

spirit. Employees and visitors can check out the latest CDs. from Smashing Pumpkins to French rap and ragga, at a console in the enormous pillared hall. There is a little café-bar with Evian bottles on it, walls of canvases by New York graffiti artists. Agnès b. herself does not even have a desk. She floats around the workshops. "I hate the corno-

rate world, and I do not want to be known as a businesswoman. I'm a clothes designer." Her son Etienne, now in his thirties, deals with the business side. The idea of her son being a

company director jolts you into remembering that this fresh-faced, petite blonde is a 54-year-old mother-of-five and grandmother-of-four. Children never interfered with her career, she says, because they were there from the beginning, a pleasant habit she could not give up. "I've always had children — I had the twins when I was 19, but before that I used to babysit. Children can teach you so much. I get on very well with them." Her youngest daughter is just 12.

he relied on nannies and pliant cleaning ladies, and believes firmly in quality time. People always ask me how do it, but if I was a cashier at the Monoprix, I'd work the same hours, and no one asks them. I'm just lucky to be my own boss."

She designs every item herself, from men's to women's to children's. There is no design team. "I have no problem about creation - I do it like playing, very quickly."

Aside from regular forays

into a green pack of cigarettes, there are no signs that the burden of multinational business is dragging on Agnes b. She is indeed playful. Of course, male artists and writers have always maintained that a regular turnover of spouses and lovers keeps ideas fresh. Is it the same for her?

"I have lived with the same photographer for nine years." she parries. "But I hate resignation to arrangements, and if something changes, it changes. I believe each day is a gift and should be lived to the

There is still something of the Sixties flower child about her. Compared with most by many British women with

strapping shoulders and sturdy, hockey-bred legs - is that Agnès b.'s petite French sizes of 1. 2 and 3 are sometimes too confining. Yet the small sizes are good business - it is always the size 3 that is left in the sale. "I noticed that a lot of women were shopping in the men's section, so I wanted to smoking has not wavered, and it seems that part of her has stop that and do more feminine clothes for larger never grown up. Her enthusiasm can be almost childlike: "Oh yes, I still adore the

children."

Her ethos is perfectly summed up by the words on a plain white (and no doubt very expensive) T-shirt she has just often the only grandmother designed: "b yourself"

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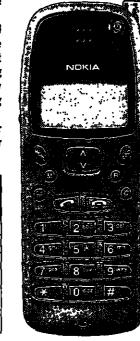
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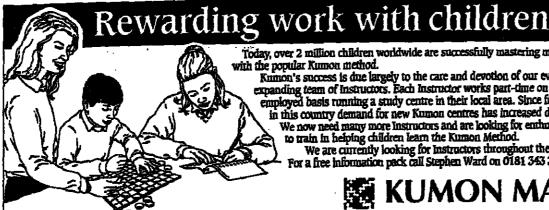
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Matthew Parris



Keep the additives and take out the ingredients: ill-health foods are on their way

hat do they do with all the caf-feine they take out of decaffeinated coffee? A year ago, this column speculated on the existence of a mysterious caffeine hill among the butter mountains and wine lakes of Europe. Alongside the growing range of products with the naughty things taken out, where (we ask?) are the products with the naughty things enhanced? How about a calfeine-reinforced cola? I even devised what was. I thought, an original name for it: "Jolt".

It exists! A reader sent me a bottle. Or rather sent me a bottle from America. On Friday. I was recounting the tale to a random group of fellow-passengers on the P&O ferry from Bilbao to Portsmouth, all excellent people: an Anglo-Spanish hongo-drum player with a passion for flamenco, a Midlands couple who edu-cate all their children at home in North Wales, and the Liberal Democrat prospective parliamentary canvour of toffee. didate for Hove. One does not expect less on the better

class of ferry. The idea appealed. We discussed the brand-imaging For success in Britain of Death Cigaadolescents rettes. Despite there will be warnings that gales were "ima range of minent", the sea products was calm and the sky was blue, so guaranteed in a mood of to produce disregard for all offi-

cial wisdom, we whiled away the morning developing a pro- HorniHand range will vie posed product range for a new concept of supermarket chain, bearing the alternative working names of Die-

Rite or Kwik-Die. We are resolved (Liberal candidates dissenting) that every item in the Die-Rite range will bear the logo of a Christmas beards, but in a tearful rabbit, guaranteeing that the product has been tested on animals. Labels on fur garments will indicate that a real animal has been trapped to provide the pelt. In all aerosol sprays, CFCs will be not only present, but where possible enhanced. Outside the larger stores will be service stations selfing petrol-free lead.

But it is on the food shelves that Kwik-Die's marketing strategy is most richly displayed. The range of offal-enhanced beef sausages will be impressive, the pâté Provençal à la vache folle (with a picture of a dancing cowj, a particular speciality. Alongside the fatboosted, double-fat and "guaranteed free of polyunsaturates" (Fat-u-Like) prod-ucts will be a selection of coffee, tea and baking fatteners (FatFast). Just sprinkle the fattener onto your monosodium glutamate (with all the chow mein removed) and watch those

rolls of fat grow! Scientists need further time to develop a range of vitamin-C-free oranges and juices (with added sugar), and the Special E breakfast cereal, which contains no cereal at all, only E numbers and sugar. The technology exists for producing fibre-free vegetables, and I believe it is already possible to remove the iron from spinach. Ail will be on sale alongside a range of breads in which the whiteners will positively dazzle, and polished rice (brand name: Beri-Beri) which will boast that no husk ever passes the inspection team and that the product is guaranteed free of even trace elements of

The calcium-depleted milk will be special favourite with kiddies. For adolescents there will be range of products marked with a tick beside the imprint Acne, to indicate that they give you spots. There will be no alcohol-free beers or wines. but wine-free alcohol and beer from which the barley and hops have been re-moved will be on sale, as will anis drinks which are free of that horrible liquorice taste, and dark rum without the disgusting fla-

My team is pleased with the cosmetics and drugs counter. A tearful rabbit will be displayed on packets of seasickness

pills which really do make you seafriendly collars for cats and on a amine-enhanced airsprays and bathroom fresheners from the Death-by-Pollen collection. And skin-hardening creams in the

with roll-on perspirants from the House of Locker-Room and Salon Horse.

Body-hair reinforcers in the Bikini range will be based on those spray-on Father more imaginative colour range than white. For a quick tan, my Factor Minus 15 suncream will actually attract ultraviolet rays. The washing-up liquid which promises not to put an unnatural shine on your plates and the shampoo with its own flecks of simulated dandruff should attract the rough-and-ready kind of customer, as should our two new realistic mouth sprays, trade name Food Breath and Parrot's Cage. for wimps who don't want their wives to know they

have been sucking mints. Besides the product-line itself, my team and I have come up with a handful of names for which the product has yet to be devised. I am still looking for foods. creams or sprays to bear the names Daunt, Cringe and

But enough. Portsmouth harbour approaches. It's been a great cruise from Spain, but too relaxing. Is there anywhere you can buy stress-inducing cassette tapes? Not yet. But there soon will be

This article has been tested on animals. I read it to

John Major's Frost interview showed a man ill at ease with himself and unsure of his policies

television interviewer because he allows the people he is questioning to make the best case for themselves that they can. He puts the right questions, but does so in a polite and friendly way. If people have good answers they are not obscured by aggressive interruptions. Often his technique draws out the people he is talking to, so one learns more than one would get from a more forceful cross-examination.

This makes the contrast between the Prime Minister's Frost interview this January and the one last January all the more revealing. Last year, John Major was in excellent form, relaxed, self-confident and unusually close to being definite on policy. It was one of his best interviews since the general election. probably his most confident since Britain was forced out of the exchange-rate mechanism, more than two years earlier. John Major intended to signal that the fightback had begun; he took a much tougher line on Europe, which heart-ened those who felt that his European policy had previously been too soft. One began to feel that one knew where he stood; but in January 1996, one had to acknowledge that one did not.

Yesterday saw the return of the old John Major. Regarding Europe, he seemed to have gone back to all his old indecisive attitudes. He has not decided whether a single currency would be a good thing or a bad thing; he is sure that it would be important; he is more than doubtful whether it could be achieved by 1999; he thinks the onus of proof should be on those who advocate it - but he still has an open mind, and is not even ready to say whether he would have a referendum if he ever did decide that Britain ought to join. Last year he seemed to be moving towards defin-ing his European policy; this year he

Tactics aren't enough to run the country

doing so. His broader case for the Government was no more convincing. He claimed that it had seen Britain through a world recession which had been difficult for everyone - he did not mention that the economy turned round only after he had been forced to drop his whole exchangerate policy. He said that the economy was now strong compared to the rest of Europe, which may be true. He said that the Labour Party had no policies, but did not seem to have many himself. He said that this year's legislation on broadcasting and education was very important, though he hardly explained why. He defended Michael Portillo, whom he has promoted through a series of posts, but thought it would be quite wrong for him to censor Michael Portillo's speeches.

There have been Prime Ministers like this before. Arthur Balfour's most famous book was called In Defence of Philosophic Doubt: Her-bert Henry Asquith's most famous political saying was "Wait and see"; Stanley Baldwin fought, and lost, the 1929 election on the uninspiring slogan of "Safety first"; Harold Wilson said that "a week in politics is a long time". The results of such dithering have always been electorally disastrous in the end, although it has often taken a time for the disillusion to work its way through

seemed to be moving back away from followed in 1906 by the worst general election defeat the Conservatives have suffered in this century; Asquith's dilatoriness, which became more marked when he was a wartime Prime Minister, destroyed the Liberals forever as a party of power; the mere memory of Baldwin played a large part in the 1945 election, the second largest defeat the Conservatives have suffered this century. A couple of years after Harold Wilson had finished with it, the Labour Party went out of office for 17 years.

William

In none of these cases was the problem a lack of natural ability. Balfour was an intellectual who almost overawed the young Winston Churchill; Asquith was a highly intelligent lawyer; Baldwin was intuitive and literary: Wilson had been an academic whose talents were respected by all his contemporaries. Nor does John Major lack intellectual ability, though he is not as good a speaker as the other four. The problem lies in temperament and in the distaste for taking strategic decisions. In each case, these men make a big decision were to leave it alone. I remember one of Baldwin's ministers, then an old man, expressing this doctrine: "What I always say is, when you don't know what to do, the best thing to do is — nothing." I have recently been studying the Easter Rising of 1916 in Dublin, an event which decided the future of Ireland, and to some extent the future of the British Empire. Asquith was told the news when he got back to London from the Bank Holiday weekend; he commented: "Well, that's something," and went off to

hy do these able Prime Ministers fail, and in a way that is so disastrous for their parties? In some cases, but not in John Majors, the fault has been sioth. Both Asquith and Baldwin were lazy men. In other cases, in Wilson's and probably in John Major's as well, the fault is an unduly tactical rather than strategic grasp of politics. Good chiefs of staff usually make bad commanders.

Francis Bacon observed that everyone has an Aristotelian or a Platonic mind, either analytical or synthetic. Aristotelians break down general statements into their particulars; Platonists build particulars into general statements. Inevitably, the analytical approach is detailed and tactical, whereas the Platonic approach deals in broad ideals and objectives. Ballour's scepticism.

Asquith's sloth, Baldwin's caution, Wilson's curning, Major's pragmatism have all tended to produce tactical reactions to events rather than the seizing of the strategic initiative. All five of these Prime Ministers have appealed strongly to contemporaries who themselves fell on the tactical and detailed side of this great divide. Two and a half years ago. I wrote

that John Major was too much the whip and too little the leader to be an effective Prime Minister. This view was much criticised at the time, and thought to be snobbish, heaven knows why. Leadership is not a question of class - Napoleon was no aristocrat. John Major is now exposed to a damaging contrast with Tony Blair, who has treated the Labour Party with a ruthlessness that Wilson never showed. This may or may not work out in the end. He too has problems over Europe. There is much more venom in old and in militant Labour than has yet been expressed. The new Labour Party has not, as John Major said to David Prost, produced its manifesto. But everyone can see the broad strategic thrust of Tony Blair's campaign. In the everlasting battle between tactics and strategy. Tony Blair has the strategic advantage.

The outlook for the Tories has

now become a nightmare, in which defeat looks very probable, and cata-strophic defeat more than possible. Half their present seats could be lost - it is no wonder that morale has collapsed. John Major is in many ways a good man - honest, intelli-gent, kindly. But he is not a good leader, because it is the job of a leader to decide. In terms of strategy he wasted 1995. One can only say to him what the old sergeant said to the flustered young officer whose incoherent orders were sending his men over the cliff: "Say something, if it's

Why Blair needs more time

Labour may be ready for an

election, but not

to govern, says

Peter Riddell

n early general election is not in Tony Blair's interests. It suits Labour for John damaged and drifting, but not for it sink, yet. And, as Mr Major showed in his robust performance on the Frost programme, he is not about to surrender the captaincy without a fight. Mr Blair knows not only that the election will probably be close. but also that his party is not yet ready for government - as Philip Gould. one of his key strategists, warned last spring in a famous leaked memo.

Mr Blair does not think that governments just lose elections. He believes that oppositions — and especially oppositions with the baggage of divisions and extremism that Labour carried over from the 1980s positively have to win them. In that he differs from John Smith and his safety-first approach in 1992-94. Understandable pieties about a lost leader suddenly struck down have produced a pretence of continuity between the two, when the discontinuities are more striking. To convince voters that Labour has really changed, Mr Blair is creating a new party - something Mr Smith never contemplated, and would not have admitted even if he had.

Much has already been achieved. along the lines that Mr Gould discussed. Blairism has developed roots throughout the party, even if they are still delicate in some places. Labour's ideological foundations have been torn up and reconstructed; the formal role of trade unions has been reduced: and individual membership has soared by more than half, to well over 375,000. The main bastion of "old" Labour is the parliamentary party, where turnover is inevitably



much slower. The balance should shift after the election, since Mr Blair's allies reckon, perhaps overoptimistically, that 90 per cent of the candidates so far picked to replace retiring MPs or in winnable seats back his approach. But many of these could be fair-weather friends, just as many zealous young Wilsonites elect-ed in 1964 and 1966 soon turned on their leader. But more needs to be done to bed in these changes.

The public, however, is unsure about what Labour would do. Many voters remain unaware of the replacement of Clause Four, let alone Gordon Brown's "welfare-to-work" proposals to tackle unemployment. The focus groups - discussions among undecided and swing voters held aimost weekly by Labour strategists - show that while people are disenchanted with the Tories, they

have little knowledge of Labour's proposals. After addressing the CBI innual conference two months ago. Mr Blair was struck that his talk of a new Labour approach to industry was treated as a (welcome) revelation by many businessmen, even though it was largely a reworking of what he had been saying for the previous year. Hence, he will be repeating his

core themes again and again. Mr Blair's Tokyo speech on Friday was intended to trump the Tories' attempt to portray themselves as the only party able to make Britain the so-called "enterprise centre of Europe". He claims that Labour now accepts the broad thrust of the economic changes of the 1980s - tighter monetary and fiscal discipline, free

markets, lower taxes and laws limiting trade unions -- but that these are not enough. Governments have to do more to promote training and invest in infrastructure if Britain is to remain globally competitive, while ensuring that a minority is not permanently excluded.

There are obvious holes: notably, how to reconcile aspirations for improved public services with overall spending restraint and reform of the welfare state. Shadow spokesmen do not have the incentive to produce unpopular savings, while welfare re-form is bound enrage some group which benefits from the current system. But breaking out of the culture and cost of welfare dependency is the big prize for a Blair government. Other principal areas of vulnera-

bility are Europe and constitutional change. Mr Blair and Robin Cook

have skilfully balanced a positive approach to Britain's role in Europe with caution about specific moves to closer integration. But Mr Blair's advisers are anxious that after the Madrid summit the party's attitude towards a single currency - that "it all depends on the economic circumstances" - could be picked apart during a campaign in spring 1997, when a firm decision about which countries will participate will be needed just a year later. Mr Brown will be fleshing out Labour's approach to monetary union in the late spring, but a firm commitment is

abour has already promised far-reaching constitutional changes: a bill of rights, reform of the House of Lords. freedom of information and, above all, devolution. But all this could derail Labour's legislative programme unless potential pitfalls are addressed now. Anyone who has read Roy Jenkins's elegant Gladstone — and that includes Mr Blair is bound to be struck by the similarity of the current arguments over devolution and the role of Scottish MPs at Westminster to those in the 1880s about Irish Home Rule, which were the occasion for, if not the cause of, Joseph Chamberlain's resignation from the Cabinet and the defeat of the Liberal Government. Scottish MPs are going to have to surrender some of their rights if they want a tax-raising parliament in Edinburgh.

These unresolved questions are linked to the party's preparations for 20vernment: the formal contacts with senior civil servants which are about to start, supplementing the many informal links; the training sessions for largely inexperienced spokesmen; the debate about whether the ma-chinery of Whitehall needs to be changed; and the working out of legislative and political priorities. Much more needs to be done in all these areas. If Labour came to office before the autumn - and perhaps even before next year - it would risk a repetition of the confusion and incoherence which so undermined Harold Wilson's Governments, Creating a new party takes time. Mr Blair should be in no hurry for office.

Back to back

the cat.



Westminster Guildhall

THE LABOUR PARTY is looking for a suitable home for the Londonwide local government authority that it plans to introduce as a replacement for the GLC. The frontrunner is said to be the former home of Middlesex County Council, the Guildhall in Westminster, an over-decorated building which sits opposite the House of Commons on Parliament Square

The Victorian extravanganza which is smothered in carved figures and curticules — is currently used as a Crown Court, but it was the home of Middlesex County Council before the GLC came into being. Labour MPs accept that hope is receding of a compulsory purchase of County Hall, the former home of the GLC, which a Japanese company is transforming into a leisure complex and apartments - with all the haste of

evolutionary change. The Guildhall on Parliament Square is one of the obvious sites," says a Labour MP. "But the City of London's Guildhall is another. I know that we are talking to a whole range of people about finding a

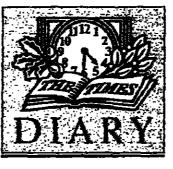
suitable home." Yet Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, says he has made no commitment with regard to the putative body's future home. "It is utterly news to me that the Guildhall is being considered. The body will have to go somewhere and I still wouldn't want to rule out County Hali."

• It is tough on Michael Portillo, getting all the blame for the proposed sale of Admiralty Arch while he is stuck in Japan on Her Majesty's business. Since July 1994. the issue has been the responsi-bility of the Department of the Environment and therefore John Gummer's problem.

Body & mind

MELVYN BRAGG displays his spiritual side on television for the first time next month, when he discusses religion as part of the BBC series The Big Question. He admits that as a teenager he had "literally scores and scores of out-of-body experiences". These were terrifying episodes, he explains, where part of you leaves yourself and hovers above your body deciding whether to go."

Bragg says that he has only had another one or two of these experiences since adolescence, but he

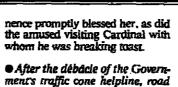


lather. Since his death a year ago, his father has visited him and spoken to him on many occasions. But Bragg père is a benign presence. His son says: "He doesn't appear in a spooky way. He doesn't suddenly materialise on a Wednesday morning at breakfast."

Twice blessed

AT A society wedding on Saturday, the new Mrs Alexander Finn made a short speech. She had been walking through Claridge's from her
suite that morning to the hair salon, she told guests, when she spotted Cardinal Basil Hume having breakfast.

Wearing only her dressinggown, she marched up to him and told him she considered the endoes feel the presence of his late counter a good omen. His Emi-



contractors have obviously decided honesty is the better policy. An unusually candid sign spotted in East London reads: "Slow contractors at work".

Slice of life

A THESPIAN tradition was honoured on Saturday night at the Theatre Royal in the West End of



celebrated its 200th anniversary. A comedian called Robert Baddeley died in 1794, bequeathing actors in the company a round of "cake, wine and punch" in his memory, and since 1796 the theatre has celebrated Twelfth Night in a manner that Sir Toby Belch would have

London, when the Baddeley cake

approved. The cast of Miss Saigon duly sampled some cake and toasted the

■ It seems that Luciano Pavarotti may be forsaking his trademark handkerchief for a new talisman. In Cape Town last night for a concert, he was spotted buying nine pairs of ethnic sandals from a street wendor. The cheap rubbersoled footwear is favoured by Zulu nightwatchmen, and comes in a vanety of Day-Glo colours. Operagoers should scrutinise his feet.

Self-publicists IS THE career of the boxer so tran-

sient that punchers have to hand out photographs of themselves to remind people what they look like? Chris Eubank — who has recent-ly retired from the ring — was spotted at the opening of a restaurant before Christmas handing out postcards with an image of himself sit-



Eubank: wheeled out

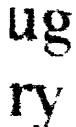
ting on a motorbike in jodhpurs. Waving aside autograph-books, he doled these out and signed them. At one of Lord Archer's recent festive bashes, Frank Bruno, a boxer whom one would have thought equally distinctive, delighted fellow guests by handing out pictures of himself.

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PARENTAL DUTIES

School needs to begin and end at home

High above the daily political battles for defectors, majorities and deals, another bigger battle is going on. Both parties sense the public disquiet eloquently expressed by David Selbourne on the page opposite on Saturday about the threat to our civic order. Both sense a growing call for the language of duty to supplant the excessive language of rights. The Tories, by their traditional doctrines, ought to be able to give the better answer. But Tony Blair has, with increasing boldness, appropriated the theme. It is a sign of the audacity with which he has leapfrogged the Tories that John Major yesterday felt obliged to take back for himself a piece of Labour policy.

Mr Major announced in a television interview that he wanted to see the nationwide use of home-school contracts in schools - an idea first adopted as party policy by Labour last month. These contracts are already widely used by schools as a way of encouraging parents to take their children's education more seriously. Parents are typically required to ensure their child's regular and punctual attendance at school. to supervise homework and to attend meetings with teachers. Schools set them-

selves corresponding duties in return. Such contracts remind parents both that the right to education involves responsibilities, and that education does not begin and end at the school gate. Most parents want the best for their children and already fulfil the terms of a home-school contract. The question is what to do with the small minority of problem parents who show no interest in their children's education and

thus fall down on their side of the bargain. Some suggest that these contracts should be given the force of law. Professor Michael Barber, an adviser to both the Government and the Labour Party, wrote in our Education pages that parents should have a statutory duty not only to see that their child

attends school, but also to attend a meeting with their child's teacher at least twice a year to discuss the part they should play in their child's educational development.

But governments should think hard before creating new categories of crime - with all the bureaucracy, expense and demands on the criminal justice system. Already the machinery for ensuring that parents fulfil their statutory duty to send their children to school is applied only patchily. The Government would be right to start with informal contracts before proceeding further.

The existence of such contracts would at least influence the climate of national opinion. Just as the introduction of the Citizen's Charter has made British people more accomplished consumers, these contracts might also encourage them to become better citizens, more conscientious in the fulfilment of their duties.

A stubborn minority of uncooperative parents will remain; but it is questionable whether they would react even to the force of law. Some are simply inadequate to control their children, and their reluctant attendance at a meeting with teachers would not achieve much. Others may be too illeducated themselves to help with homework, or have too little time, energy or space in their homes to be able to do so.

Schools will have to accept that a few children will always suffer from low parental expectations and poor conditions for learning. For these pupils, after-school homework clubs may have to take the place of family support. And if mentors can be found from the local community, they too can help to offer adult encouragement and interest. But the more that parents understand their responsibilities for the moral, social and educational development of their children, the less these safety-net measures will be needed - and the more cohesive society will become.

RUSSIA'S MIDWINTER

Where earth stands hard as iron and democratic hopes falter

Orthodox Christmas is the time to remember that Russia began as an authoritarian economic laggard. From there it leapt into history's vanguard, as the Soviet Union became the bloodstained crucible of a totalitarian experiment. Boris Yeltsin, who won the first democratic election for the Russian presidency, outfaced the reactionary anti-Gorbachev coup and used his moment of maximum power to bring about the collapse of the Communist Party and the dissolution of the Soviet Union itself.

History has galloped the Russian steppe since and once again its course appears to be veering. Mr Yeltsin has promised that by his 65th birthday next month, he will announce whether he will run this June for a second term. Heavy as the odds against success were when Mr Yeltsin originally challenged the party machine, his chances with the

electorate currently look slighter still. Mr Yeltsin's personal standing has plummeted, to around 10 per cent. In bad health, he must reckon with the certainty that this time, the contest will run into a second round. Not only did last month's parliamentary elections confirm his Government's deep unpopularity, but great patches of Communist red and ultranationalist

black stain the psephological entrails. Should he run, he cannot discount the risk of a first-round defeat. That could leave Russians to choose between Gennadi Zyuganov, leader of the revived and only partially reformed Communist Party, and Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the repellent ultranationalist whose continued electoral appeal puts in question the irreversibility of Russian democracy. Reformers have made little secret of their belief that if Russia is to escape a rendezvous with the past, democrats need a new standard-bearer.

Russians have damned their Government: but considering how small is the new middle class and how many live in appalling conditions, that is hardly extraordinary. The great question is whether they have also turned their backs on reform, even on democracy. Mr Zyuganov speaks softly to the West, but he has yet to repudiate the past. Before trying their hand at democratic politics, he and his party backed every undemocratic attempt to get rid of Mr Yeltsin. The Communist pitch on the hustings was not about cushioning chang but about stopping it: voters were promised most of the old certainties of a statecontrolled economy - and they seem ready to forget what economic lunacy went with it.

Even in Russia, the clock will not be as easy to put back as many fear. In any great social transformation, the secret is to create more winners than losers. Russia is not there yet, but with 60 per cent of the economy in private hands, the number of people with a stake in economic freedoms is growing. The political landscape is bleaker. Free votes have yet to translate into truly democratic government: Russia is still run by interest groups competing behind closed doors for the Kremlin's ear. The pressure for accountability is there: the turnout in the December elections proved that Russians take their vote seriously. The country is no longer a "riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma". But Russia's new year is still hard to read and it is far from the "normality" that

reformers crave and the world needs.

THE WAY OF ALL

When perpetual dreamers attempt perpetual motion

The family that set off on its dream holiday has come home to earth. A year ago Gordon Finch, a builder fed up with the "doom and gloom" of modern Britain, set sail to escape. After pressure from his family, he took along his wife, three sons, two of the sons' girlfriends and a toddler grandson. He sold up in that fine North Yorkshire town of Stokesley. With the money he bought an eight-berth yacht equipped with bathrooms, colour television, freezer and washing machine. The plan was that the Finches would spend five years cruising around the holiday world, returning in time for the millennium to discover whether the real world had become a better place.

They left under a nimbus of envious publicity. But they did not keep sailing away for even the year and a day of those other fantasy sailors, Lear's Owl and the Pussy-Cat. They voyaged only as far as Spain. Thence they have just slunk back with Yorkshire taciturnity to those asking for news of their dream holiday. They retain the small consolation that, with the property market finally leaving the doldrums, they may be the last such Rip Van Winkle sailors to find house prices the same as when they set sail.

Somewhere over the rainbow is for the birds in Cloud-Cuckoo-Land and the pubescent Judy Garland. On a Monday morning in early January this may sound a puritanical doctrine. But dreams are for dreaming not waking, fantasy is fun only when imagined against the real world. The holiday of a lifetime is a necessary myth such as the Garden of Eden. Hollywood and Atlantis. But an everlasting holiday is an oxymoron, because without harsh life to get away from, holiday loses its meaning. As usual, Shakespeare wrote this leader

first. "If all the year were playing holidays./ To sport would be as tedious as to work. Charming and independent Millamant in The Way of All Flesh, Irished-up a trifle by Fiona Shaw at the National Theatre, put such suburban weekend romantics firmly in their place: "I nauseate walking: 'tis a country diversion. I loathe the country."

Of course we should not loathe the country or pleasure-boating with quite the emphasis of witty, pretty Millamant. But for most of the world these are holiday and weekend excursions. When they retire to their former holiday heavens, many people find ioneliness and boredom instead of the old pleasure in change. Most of the fun of the National Lottery lies in fantasy about what to do with the money if you won. Winners seem to find disappointment, envy, boredom, loss of purpose and embarrassment. They should give away their money to found a university or support orphans.

Man was not sent into this world entirely for pleasure, not even that of continual sailing. The latest escapists have just repeated a message as old as history. Man is a Monday-morning, working creature earning his bread in the sweat of his face. Without the common mortal grind to set them against, dreams are a disappointment and holidays a contradiction. The Finches are better off in Stokesley than marooned in Never Never Land or the travel brochures.

Hong Kong tax

tips for Britain

Sir, Mr Christopher Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, in his recent Conserva-tive Central Office lecture (report, Oc-tober 30, 1995), drew attention to the economic advantages of the territory's low-tax, low-expenditure economy. He was quite right to do so. However, it is not only in economic terms that the Hong Kong tax system has much to teach the United Kingdom.

From Professor Peter G. Willoughby

While Hong Kong has never placed much emphasis on social engineering through the tax system (preferring to stress simple legislation, low tax rates, low administrative costs and high yields), the latest proposed amendment to the tax law is an admirable example of simple pragmatic tax legislation which has a clear social purpose.

The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No 4) Bill 1995 provides for the total disallowance for tax purposes of all forms of income and capital expenditure on private cars. This will apply to employers who provide cars for use by employees, to self-employed persons and to employees. The exclusion will apply to the costs of acquisition as well as running expenses, irrespective of whether the car is used for business or private purposes.

While the Bill's primary purpose is the discouragement of the use of private cars, in the hope of reducing traffic congestion, it is also likely to provide a simpler and more effective way of taxing the benefit enjoyed by an employee whose employer provides a car. Thus an employer will be taxed on the full cost of providing cars for employees - a distinct improvement on the taxation of employees on the value of a benefit which has to be determined by an elaborate formula, as is the case in the United Kingdom.

Incidentally, the Bill contains six short sections covering just over a page. Perhaps the drafting style also has something to teach the United

Yours faithfully. PETER WILLOUGHBY. Old Mill House, La Hêche, St Anne, Alderney, Channel Islands. January 3.

From the Personal Adviser to the Governor of Hong Kong

Sir. In his article of December 29. headed "Why Tony Blair is looking East", Mr Denis MacShane wrongly states that the Governor of Hong Kong "appealed" in a recent lecture for Britain to bring central govern-ment expenditure down "to around 30 per cent of national earnings".

While Mr Patten advocated a cut in the State's take of national income, he did not specify a target; and he explicitly stated that he did not regard Hong Kong's level of public spending target for OECD countries.

Yours faithfully, EDWARD LLEWELLYN, Personal Adviser to the Governor. Government House, Hong Kong, January 2.

A safe place in Europe

From Mr Gordon M. L. Smith

Sir, Dr Peter Chapman (letter, December 23) writes that the Tories will lose the election because "thousands of their followers, such as myself, cannot accept the abnegation of sovereignty, the primacy of Parliament and our courts, which they seem happy to abandon"

So will Dr Chapman vote for Labour, who will be very happy to abnegate sovereignty, Parliament, courts, etc. or for the Liberal Democrats, who would grovel before Brussels?

Mr Major is skilfully negotiating to keep our liberties while profiting commercially from such aspects of the EU as are not completely corrupt.

Yours faithfully, GORDON M. L. SMITH. 9 Greenfield Way. Storrington, West Sussex.

Contradiction in terms

From Mr David Ravens

Sir, You describe Stephen Leacock (Anniversaries, December 30) as "humorous writer and economist". Surely, if the second term is accurate then the first is redundant?

Yours faithfully. DAVID RAVENS. 44 Arthursdale Grange. Scholes, West Yorkshire. December 30.

Strife in Pakistan

From the High Commissioner for Pakistan

Sir, May I respond to two references to Pakistan's affairs which you have published recently, starting with the adverse comments by Mr Randhir Singh Bains (letter, December 29) on what he terms our "interference" in the Afghan civil war.

Pakistan, which is a developing country with little time for a "grand vision of establishing an Islamic bloc", has been host to all the factions of Mujahidin fighting the Soviet invaders of Afghanistan. Our own society was torn asunder by the influx of close to four million Afghan refugees and the consequent "kalashnikovisation" and "heroinisation". The members of the current regime in Kabul were also our guests for the long years of Soviet oc-

cupation. Because of our long and porous border with Afghanistan, which means that we can ill afford continuing strife in that country. Pakistan has no connections with the Taleban militia. If, however, the Taleban cross into Pakistan to buy supplies in our border towns there is precious lit-

As to your report of December 27. headed "Bhutto plays on Western fears to stay in control", it is true that Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto does not "shrink" before the power of the obscurantists among Pakistan's clergy. However, the religious political parties, which were armed to the teeth

tle we can do about it.

Letters for publication should carry contact telephone numbers. We regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

our supporters in touch with what we are doing and to encourage further donations. Though I would love to write per-

and over 30,000 supporters through-

out the UK, mostly former patients.

Mailings are vital to us, both to keep

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

Wastefulness of charity mailshots

sonal letters, we are reliant on computers to help us for practical reasons. Every effort is made to save money by "deduplicating" - an awkward new word which is now part of the argot of computer technology.

Two problems can arise. Firstly, I wrote to the director enclosing some of the many letters I had receivyour correspondent might have reed. Result: a Christmas card. But still sponded to one appeal as Adolphe A. Salem, to the next as A. A. Salem, to the next as A. Salem, and so on This time I have not put them in the through all the possible permutations: waste-paper basket but into a sack. Eventually I will weigh them and a charity might thus be unsure whether it is being supported by one permaybe turn up at the annual general son or by different members of a famimeeting with an assessment of the environmental damage they cause. Can the Charities Act not be amendly. Secondly, and more commonly, there may have been a mechanical or ed to rule not only that applicants for computer error in printing.

To check 30,000 envelopes manually for duplication would be a waste of resources. We are reliant, in the final analysis, on the help of our supporters to tell us if duplicate mailings have crept through our checks. This information is received as gratefully as a donation by any charity keen to save money and improve its efficiency.

Yours faithfully, RUSSELL VALLANCE.

Director. The Wishbone Trust, British Orthopaedic Association. 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2. January 2

galleries and the like.

national orchestras, museums and

All these activities are important

and we would be the poorer without

them. But he does not take account of

the great quantity and variety of ama-

teur cultural activity in the country.

Everywhere, there are amateur musi-

cians giving concerts, amateur dram-

atic companies putting on plays and

pantomimes, amateur artists and

Richard Morrison asks whether we

still have a thirst for culture. On the

basis of what ordinary people are do-

ing for themselves, the answer 1 be-

As regards the professional art

world, I think many of us, from time

to time, feel considerable doubt about

the worth and integrity of some of its

activities and suspect that it is primarily concerned with indulging itself.

craftsmen putting on shows.

lieve must be "Yes".

Yours faithfully,

January I.

DONALD KING.

Greenways, Cray Road, Crockenhill, Swanley, Kent.

Our cultural state

From Mrs Eileen Bushell

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Yours sincerely

EILEEN BUSHELL

From the Director of

the Wishbone Trust

Kingsway. Taunton, Somerset.

11 Fullands Court,

Sir. I was glad to read Mr Adolphe

Salem's letter of January 1 pointing out that charities often defeat the ob-

ject of their appeals for funds by dupli-

As a life member of one charity for

some 25 years, a member of its local committee and one who, at the chari-

ty's request, disclosed what I had left

them in my will. I have become delug-

ed with letters asking me to become a

membership may insist that their

identity and personal details are not

passed or sold to other charities, but

that no charity sends out appeals to its

Sir. This medical charity, supporting

research into orthopaedic surgery and

bone diseases, has two full-time staff

From Mr J. L. Cook

Sir, In his review of 1995 (December 30) your Arts Editor paints a dire pic-ture of the British system of funding for the arts, and concludes by asking whether we have the thirst for culture. We have an "Arts Council", and we

have the grotesquely named "National Heritage" Department. We should scrap them both, at once, and declare our thirst by establishing a properly funded Ministry of Culture. Or are we ashamed of the very word?

Yours sincerely. JOHN COOK, 4 Brockwell Gare. Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire.

From Mr Donald King

Sir, I enjoyed Richard Morrison's article about the state of culture in the country. He seems, however, to understand culture only in terms of what is delivered professionally to the public by theatre and opera companies.

Wider goals

From Mr S. Carse

Sir. "Fifa plans to move goalposts in bid to entertain", you report (Sport, early editions, January 3). Can football's international govern-

ing body really be serious? Can its "guardians" really be so disenchanted with the entertainment value of the world game, and so bereft of ideas. that the only proposal for change they can come up with is to enlarge the goals?

Apparently there will be a "trial per-iod" using the bigger targets. But how is success or failure to be determined? I suspect that for Fifa there can only be one outcome. If more goals are scored this will be put forward as proof-positive that bigger goals mean more entertainment. If there is no significant increase then the larger goals

will remain, on the basis that fears of goals being devalued have not been borne out.

The rationale for the change appears to be based on the improved physical attributes and capabilities of goalkeepers. But surely this is mirrored by similar improvements amongst outfield players. Moreover, with the advent of faster and lighter footballs. many with unpredictable flight, one might argue that (all other things being equal) scoring is now easier than

Presumably the final decision on this proposal rests with the various FAs worldwide. Can we rely on our own FA to help kick this ridiculous idea into touch?

Yours faithfully,

S. CARSE. 75 Cronk Coar, Douglas, Isle of Man. January 4.

Schools inspection

From the Leader of Wandsworth Council

Sir. What a relief it was to learn ("Checks on schools could be cut back", January 3) that the Government is at last acknowledging the enormous cost of its cumbersome Ofsted inspection programme.

This council has consistently advised that the single comprehensive in-spection, in which Ofsted continues to place its confidence, is inexcusably expensive and takes no account of the differences in quality between schools, which we all know to exist. The backbone of the system should be a concise annual review carried out locally under national rules. There should be a second level of inspection when there is concern about a school. Teams of inspectors would go into a school at short notice to inspect, report and make recommendations to the governing body about getting things back on course,

The third type of inspection, to be used only on rare occasions, would be similar to the current Ofsted model and should be reserved for those schools where a major investigative inquiry is necessary.

Perhaps we will now get a smaller central regulating body which will define standards clearly and give us an uncomplicated picture of what needs to be done to improve performance in

Yours faithfully, EDWARD LISTER, Leader of Council, Leader's Room. The Town Hall. Wandsworth High Street, SW18.

January 4. by the dictator Zia ul-Haq. are now "mauled in elections" precisely be-

cause of Benazir's commanding role

Obscurantists float very close to the surface of our political pond and they emerge whenever inept and backward regimes come into power through rigged elections: witness the host of blasphemy cases registered between 1977 and 1988, when Zia ul-Haq was in

in Pakistan's politics.

power. The fact is, Sir, that Ms Bhutto's Government is a bulwark against those who turn and twist our beautiful religion to suit their own political ends by their mindless opposition to the present liberal regime.

Yours sincerely. WAJID SHAMSUL HASAN. High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, SWI.

Hallmarks of a portrait painter

From Mr Michael Stanyon

Sir. Your obituary of Terence Cuneo (January 5) made no mention of his hallmark, the mouse, mevitably hidden in some appropriate spot, what-ever the subject. Who could find the mouse first became a point of honour in our family.

Whilst enjoying hunting through the wealth of detail in any of Cuneo's paintings we would look forward to standing back to see his painting as a whole. His sense of atmosphere conjured up the occasion so well that one could almost smell the smoke or feel the wind on one's cheeks.

The inevitable mouse fleeing from the speeding locomotive or sitting, in engineman's clothing, on the buffers. or even with coronet and ermine at a State Opening of Parliament, always added a subtle dimension of humour. We shall miss his talent.

Yours sincerely MICHAEL STANYON, 3 Acrewood, Hemel Hempstead, Hernfordshire. January 5.

From Mr Brian West

Sir. In January, 1965, with Winston Churchill's body fying in state in Westminster Hall, Terence Cuneo woke one night with the conviction that he just had to record the scene. The Lord Chamberlain's Office were somewhat taken aback by his early morning call, but thanks to his standing in official circles, permission was granted for him to do his preliminary sketches that day. The large and impressive canvas subsequently went on an extensive tour of the United States. Your obituary mentioned his liking

for riding western-style when in the US (he was very proud of being an honorary marshal of Tombstone). He also did this around his home at East Molesey, Surrey, on a splendid palomino with silver-tooled saddle, sixguns, etc., and regularly appeared like this for local charity events. One of his best friends and "pupils"

for many years was the Canadian singer. Edmund Hockridge, who helped on a number of large, special event canvases by "filling in the dark

Yours etc. BRIAN WEST, Hapusrwydd, 21 Old London Road, Flint.

From Mr Kevin McCormack

Sir, Most of Terence Cuneo's splendid railway paintings, some of which featured on British stamps issued in the 1980s, depicted steam trains. However, he also painted a wide variety of modern diesels, including Le Shuttle with one mouse wavi Jack in the left-hand corner of the painting and another mouse waving the Tricolor in the right.

Yours faithfully. KEVIN McCORMACK. 13 Overdale, Ashtead, Surrey. January 5.

From Mr Allen Levy

Sir, Terence Cuneo had a passion for

railways. He travelled throughout the world and everywhere would sketch and paint the local railway scene. Some of his finest work will be remembered in a series of posters for British Railways from 1947 onwards. He was undoubtedly the "Munnings" of the iron horse.

As his publisher over some twenty years, I feel sure that Terry would have been somewhat irked by this omission from your obituary.

Yours faithfully, ALLEN LEVY New Cavendish Books Limited, 3 Denbigh Road, WII. January 5.

From Mr William Haddow

Sir, I have spent 30 minutes peering over your obituary of Terence Cuneo, but still can't find the mouse. Where have you hidden it?

Yours, puzzled, WILLIAM HADDOW, 22 Keir Street, Glasgow 41. Јалиагу 5.

Time was when . . .

From Mr William Callaghan

Sir, I take Mr Patrick Howarth's point (letter, December 28); clearly the task of spotting new "in" phrases is down to us.

Hopefully an informal system of surveillance could soon be up and running. We can keep an eye on what is happening out there. Hidden agenda or not, let's go for it. Know what I mean?

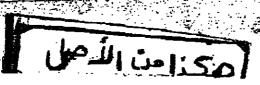
Yours sincerely. WILLIAM CALLAGHAN, 13 Wharncliffe Close, Hoyland, Barnsley, South Yorkshire. January I.

Mobile menace

From Mr Steve Race

Sir. Does anyone market a device for jamming mobile phones in trains or restaurants?

Yours etc. STEVE RACE, Westcort, Martins End Lane. Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.





COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM January 6: Today, being the Feast of the Epiphany, a Sung Eucharist was held in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, when the cus-tomary offerings of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh were made on behalf of The Queen by Colonel Malcolm Havergal and Rear Admiral Colin Cooke-Priest (Centle-

men Ushers to Her Maiesty). The Rev William Booth (Sub-Dean of her Majesty's Chapels Royal) was the Celebrant and presented the Offerings, assisted hy the Reverend Gordon Watkins (Priest in Ordinary).

Royal engagement

The Duke of Kent will open an exhibition of paintings of Brazil at Christie's Great Rooms, King Street, at 6.45.

Today's events The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at Ham. The

Queen's Guard mounts Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

Dinner Medical Officers of Schools

Lord Weatherill, accompanied by Lady Weatherili, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Medical Officers of Schools Association held on Saturday at Sevenoaks School, Kent. Dr Robin Fawkner-Corbett, president, was

Billy Marsh

A Memorial Service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of Billy Marsh, 1917-1995, will be held at St James' Church. Piccadilly London, Wl. on Monday, February 5, at 11.00am. Donations will be gratefully accepted in memory of Billy at Marie Curie Cancer Care. 28 Belgrave Square, London, SWIX 8QG.

Aiglon College The Winter term began yesterday.

School guardians are Marina Andina and Rodrigo Leiva: Marina Andina and Mobolaji Akindele are captains of skiing. Parents Information Day at the school will be on February 16. A presentation on the school will take place in London on Thursday. January 25, at the Royal Automobile Club for interested parents followed by an annual reunion on Friday, January 26. For informa-tion about these events please contact the school.

Brentwood School (HMC)

Entrance Examinations for the Main and Preparatory Schools take place on January 20. Half term is from February 16 until February 25. The Junior School production of Toad of Toad Hall will be performed from March 14 to 16. A Chamber concert takes place on February 7. The Old Brentwoods Society Dinner will be held on March 22, with the Old Brentwoods Family Afternoon on March 23, Term ends March 26.

Bromsgrove School convenes to-day for the Lent Term. The Choral College of Music on February 15.

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard was on duty SANDRINGHAM

January 7: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning.
The Bishop of Leicester preached the Sermon.

Her Majesty presented The Queen's Gold Medal for Academic Excellence at King Edward VII High School, King's Lynn, to Master Matthew Welberry Smith, who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by Mr Michael Walker, the Headmaster.

Party

The Lord Mayor and Lady

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained children connected with the City institutions. the City Livery Companies, HM Forces and London Boroughs at a fancy dress party held on Saturday at the Mansion House.

Memorial service The Right Rev Gerald Colin

A memorial service for the Right Rev Gerald Colin was held on Saturday in Lincoln Cathedral. The Bishop of Lincoln officiated. assisted by the Dean of Lincoln. The Ven J. Hewitt Wilson read the lesson and Mr John Bird, brother-in-law, read from the

works of John Donne. The Ven Christopher Laurence. Archdeacon Emeritus of Lindsey, paid tribute. The Right Rev Simon Phipps gave an address. The Right Rev Dennis Hawker was robed

Sir Trenchard Cox A Memorial Service for Sir Tren-

chard Cox will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields at 10.30am on Wednesday, January 17.

Society will perform a programme

of Borodin, Lambert and Orff's

Town Hall on the evening of

March 21. Term ends on Friday,

The Long Quarter begins today.

lan Hayes continues as Head of

School. Chee Kay Chow will

continue as Head Girl until Exeat

when she will be succeeded by Katie Abouzahr. Nick Frendo and

Charlotte Crawford are Captains

of Hockey and Belinda Hurst

Captain of Lacrosse. The Bishop of

Guildford will conduct a Service of

urday, February 3, at 5.00pm. The

Peter Newton Entrance Scholar-

ships for Sixth Formers will be

held on March Land 2. Details of

Music and Drama Events may be

obtained from the Headmaster's

Secretary. Exeat is from Friday.

February 16, to Tuesday, February

20. The Quarter ends on Saturday.

Term starts today at Chetham's

School of Music. The Symphony Orchestra and Wind Band Concert

Chetham's School of Music

Carmina Burana in Birminghai

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Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, with Canon Gerry Murphy, Chaplain of the Tower of London, left, and Canon Colin Fletcher, the archbishop's personal chaplain, attending an Epiphany service at the Tower yesterday

Royal Ascot

School announcements

Haileybury Society. Mr David Anthony Hopkins. CBE, will give a Lecture Recital on March 5 and a

The Royal Meeting will take place at Ascot on June 18-21, 1996. The Enclosure is now open and Her Majesty's Representative wishes to draw your attention to the changes concerning the issue of vouchers to young people.

The age limit for junior vouchers has been raised to include all those aged between 16 and 29 years. The dates of birth must be stated in the letter of application. Only personal letters of applica-

tion will be accepted. Existing members should apply, as usual, before the end of April. All those wishing to apply for the first time should make an application before the end of March stating the full names of those members of their

1996, and the programme will

include Mahler's 1st Symphony. This concert will then be repeated

16. 1996. Term ends on March 30.

1996, with Founder's Day in

Manchester Cathedral, when the

Preacher will be the Bishop of

Hull, the Right Rev James Jones.

The Spring Term begins today.

Camilla Cowan continues as

Guardian. Prep School Heads are

Tuesday, February 6. The School

Play is on Saturday, March 23 and Term ends on Sunday, March 24,

Easter Term at Halleybury begins

today. The Right Rev Christopher Herbert, Bishop of St Albans, has succeeded the Right Rev John

Taylor as President of Council and

Chairman of the Governing Body. Major Ceneral John Homan, CB.

has succeeded Sir John Manduell, CBE, as President of the

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Haileybury & ISC

family who require vouchers, to-gether with their dates of birth if between 16 and 29 years. Sponsorship forms will then be sent which should be signed by a sponsor who has been present in the Royal Enclosure for a minimum of eight

Overseas visitors should apply

direct to their Embassies in formal day dress with hat which

must cover the crown of the head. Geotlemen will wear morning dress with top hat, or service dress Applications should be addressed to Her Majesty's Representative. The Ascot Office, St James's Palace, London SWIA

direct three performances of the

Rogers and Hammerstein musical Oklahoma in Big School from

Thursday, February 29, to Sat-

urday. March 2. The Choral Society and Orchestra will per-

form Elgar's The Dream of Gerontius on March 14. Term

Easter Term at Moira House

begins today and ends on March

16. Sarah Applewhite and Sarah

Platt continue as School Knights.

ations for entry into the Junior School and Senior School will be

held on January 19 and 20. Full details are available from the

Headmaster's Secretary. The Moira House Old Girls' Club

Reunion this term is at The Viking

VII Netball Team represents Sus-

sex as Sussex Champions at the

South East Regional Netball Tour-nament on Saturday, January 27.

The Middle School Play A Mid-

summer Night's Dream will be performed on March 1 and 2 Mr

Hotel, York on January 20. The 1st

tam Scholarship Exa

Moira House, Eastbourne

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Philip Astley, theatre manager, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Wilkie Collins, novelist, London, 1824; Hans von Bulow, pianist and conductor, Dresden, 1830; Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema. painter. The Netherlands, 1836: John Curtin, Australian Prime Minister 1941-45, Creswick, Victoria, 1885: Solomon Bandaranaike. Prime Minister of Ceylon 1956-59. Colombo, 1899; Elvis Presley, singer. Tupelo, Mississippi, 1935; Dennis Wheatley, novelist, 1897.

DEATHS: Edgar, King of Scot-land reigned 1097-1107, Edinburgh Castle, 1107; Giotto, painter, Florence, 1337; Galileo Galilei, mathematician and astronomer, Arcetri, Italy, 1642; Arcangelo Co-

Masterclass on March 6. The

Easter Concerts will be on Friday

and Saturday, March 8 and 9, and the School Confirmation Service is

at All Saints on Thursday, March

14 The Ski Expedition departs on

Saturday. March 16, and the

French Exchange Group to Mont-

Spring Term at Oakham School

begins today. Music and Art & Design Scholarship Examinations

for 11+ and 13+ entry will be held on

February 5 and 6. Academic Scholarship Examinations for 13-

entry will be held on February 12,

Symphony Orchestra will perform Shostakovich's Symphony No 5 on

February 29. On Sunday, March 10, in the School Chapel, the

Oakham School Choral Society

and Orchestra will perform the

is and 14. The Clar

pelier on Monday, April 8.

Oakham School

Baskerville, typographer and printer, London, 1775; Eli Whitney, pioneer of the cotton gin, New Haven, Connecticut, 1825; Robert Stephenson Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell, general and founder of the Boy Scouts, Nyeri, Kenya, 1941; Richard Tauber, tenor, Australia, 1948; Kurt Schwitters, painter, Little Lang-dale, Cumbria, 1948; Chou En-lai, Premier of the People's Republic of China 1949-76, Peking, 1976. Rationing of butter, bacon and

sugar began, 1940. General Charles de Gaulle was proclaimed President of the French Republic, 1959.

Spain ended its siege of Gibraltar and reopened the frontier, 1982.

February 14. Entrance tests for 11and 12+ entry will be held on Saturday, January 27, in the Main School. The Right Rev Paul Burrough will be conducting the Confirmation Service on Thurs day, February 15, at 2pm at St Michael & All Angels, Hugh-

Pocklington School, York

The Lent Term at Pocklington School, York, begins today. Old Pocklingtonian Dinners will take place in Oxford on Saturday, February 10, and Newcastle on Saturday. March 2 — times and venues to be confirmed. The term Woodbridge School

The Easter Term at Woodbridge School, Sulfolk, begins today. The Official Opening of the new All Weather Pitch will be on February 13: Science Week begins with a Science and Technology Fair on March 16: the Biennial Concert at the Snape Maltings Concert Hall is on March 22; the Old Woodbridgian Dinner on March 23 and the One Day Equestrian Event at Poplar Park on March 24. Details of all these occasions can be obtained from the School, 01394

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss A. Obeid

and Miss R.J. Ayres

and Miss J.E. Standish

Woking, Surrey.

Mr M.R. Watts

The engagement is announced

between Robert Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs C.D. Orr

Ewing, of Wigtown, Scotland, and

Amani, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Obeid, of Harborne,

The engagement is announced between Jason, youngest sun of Mr and Mrs Peter Riley, of

Worplesdon, Surrey, and Rebecca,

youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs

John Ayres, of Heasley Mill,

The engagement is announced

between Timothy Edward.

between Ilmothy Edward, younger son of Colonel and Mrs Richard Robinson, of New Wimpole, Cambridge, and Jane Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Standish, of

Mr A.W-W. Tang, FRACS (Orth), and Miss K. Kielbinska

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr K.Y.

and Dr S.K. Tang, of Melbourne,

Australia, and Karina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs O.J. Kielbinski, of Brussels and

The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Mr and

Mrs Reginald Watts, of West Hill.

London, and Emma, daughter of

the late Major John Sturt and of Mrs Sturt, of St Crepin de

The marriage took place on December 30, at Holy innocents

Church, Foulsham, Norfolk, be-tween Mr Louis de Pelet and Miss

The bride was attended by Naomi Swain and Hamish Cole.

Mr Mark Hopkins was best man-

of the bride and the honeymoon is

and the Hon Mrs Joanna Wood The marriage took place on December 22, at the Anglican

Cathedral, Zanzibar, between Mr

Charles Hansard, of Louth, Ire-

land, son of the late Mr H.L.

Hansard and of Mrs O.A. Han-

sard, and the Hon Mrs Joanna Wood, eldest daughter of Mr and

Mrs John Pinches, of Ramsbury,

A reception was held at the home

Chandlers Ford, Hampshire.

and Miss E.S.M. Start

Richemont, France.

Marriages

and Miss R.E.C. Palmer

Mr L.G. de Pelet

Rebecca Palmer.

being spent in Italy.

Mr C.L. Hansard

Mr M.S.S. Bird and Miss H.J. Kimpton The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Bird, of Bury St

JAMES MORGAN

Edmunds, Suffolk, and Helen. only daughter of Mr G.P. Kimpton, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, and Mrs S.A. Kimpton, of Hayfield, Derbyshire. Mr J.B.G. Corbett

The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Corbett, of the Isle of Mull, Argyll, and Zara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Maidment, of Little Wratting. Suffolk

Mr C.F.E. de Havas and Miss N-Z. Jones

The engagement is announced between Christopher Frederic Eric, only son of Mr and Mrs W. de Havas, of Little Parrock Farm, Colemans Hatch, East Sussex, and Nicola-Zoe, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Jones, of Peacehaven, East Sussex.

Mr R.P. Haywood and Miss A. Carmickael The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Edwin Jeffrey Haywood, of Georgetown, Guyana, and Annabel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jan Carmichael, of Welland, Worcestershire Mr P.D. Heary

and Miss G. Ravenscroft The engagement is announced between Patrick Denis, son of the late Denis Valentine Henry and of Mrs Elisabeth Henry, Blackburn, Lancashire, Georgina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Dennis Ravenscroft. of Formby, Merseyside.

Mr D.A. Hurren and Miss H.M. Austice The engagement is announced between David. son of Mr and

Mrs K.K. Hurren, of Disley, Cheshire, and Mary, daughter of the late Mr E.C.M. Anstice and of Mrs J.M. Anstice, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire. Mr A.J.C. Jeffres

and Miss B.C. Trigg
The engagement is announced
between Andrew, eldest son of the late Mr C. Jeffrey and of Mrs John Lee and stepson of Mr John Lee, of Somerset, and Emma, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis rigg, of Durham. Mr M.C.B. Lazi and Miss C.J. Barker

The engagement is announced between Michele, elder son of Signor and Signora L. Luzi, of Rome. Italy, and Carolyn, only daughter of Mr J. Barker, of Whipsnade, Bedfordshire, and of Mrs M. Barker, of Markyate,

Birthdays today Miss Shirley Bassey, singer, 59;

Mr David Bowie, singer, 49; Mr S.G. Cameron, former chairman, Gallaher, 62; Mr Phil Hall, Editor, News of the World, 41; Professor physicist, 54; Lord Hollenden, 82: Mr Andrew Hunter, MP, 53; Mr Howard Jones, former Governor, Belmarsh prison, 60; the Right Rev E.G. Knapp-Fisher, former Archdeacon of Westminster, 81: Professor Sir Robert May, FRS, zoologist. Air Commodore Joan Metcalfe, former director, RAF Nursing Services. 73; Mr Ron Moody, actor, 72: Mr Robert Parry, MP, 63; Mr D.E. Prince, Headmaster. Reed's School, Surrey, 58; Mr Ken Purchase, MP, 57; Mrs LM. Read, MEP. 57; Professor W.B. Reddaway, economist, 83; Mr Rob-ert A. Solberg, chairman, Texaco,

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50: Mics Calina Ulanova, prima ballerina, 86: Sir Geoffrey Whalen. former deputy chairman, Peugeot Talbot Motor Company, 60; Professor A.G. Wilson, Vice-Chan-

cellor, Leeds University, 57.

Latest wills

Mrs Winifred Alice Coulson, of London SW10, the writer of children's books and a founder and president of the Women's Council, left estate valued at £1,594,036 net. She left £5,000 to the Women's Mrs Mair Bissell, of Christchurch,

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CADZOW - On January 2nd at St Thomas's Hospital, to Jessica (née Collins) and lan, a son. Alexander James

EAMEY - On December 29th. to Victoria Inte Runham) and Robert. a som, Harry Robert, a brother for Alice.

HUGHES-ONSLOW SCABLRRI - To Belinda and Pacio on 5th January 1996 -a Daughter Elsa. NACALPIRE-DOWNSE - On January 5th 1996. to Janet (née Willimpton) and Roots, a son, James Robert.

a son, James Robert.

ORAM - On December 30th
1998 at Princess Margaret
Hospital, Wintsor, to Carole
Inde Person and Craptin, a
daughter, Sara Lonise
Margaret, a state for George,
WOOD - On 22nd December
to Nicory, and Crabtin, a son to Namey and Graham, a son, William Henry

WOOLLEY - On Christmas Eve 1995 to Jack and Polly (nee Westernan) a son. James Philip. 2 brother for Entity.

DEATHS

ANDREW - Estin Anne unoc Murt) of Little Eaton, Derbyshire died pencefully on Wednesday 3rd Jacobsy. oved mother and prandmother. The funeral will take place at 2.30 pm on 15th January at Little Eaton Parish Church.

BALL - Dr Angels Rossmund

Con Site Languary

Ball M.B.E. On 5th Jenuary 1996 in Rome after a short liness. dearly loved wife of Jim Ball and sister of Richard Cooke. Ecoutries regarding funeral arrangements to Great Missenden Funeral Services. Tel: 01494 863:01, Family Nowers only, Donations, If wished, to

B63101. Family Jiowers only. Donastons. If washed, to the Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad. 18 Rockingham Gate. London SWIE 61B. Glarice Winfired, between wife of Bermey and mother of Rosemary, died peacetally in her 90th year on 4th January 1996 in Southampton Caneral Hospital. She will be sorely missed by her family and Emiskillen. Funeral at Bournemouth Crematerium on Mondoy 15th January 2 on Monday 15th January 22 3.30 pm. No thowers but a dopation in ties to a chartly

BMD'S: 0171 782 7272 DEATHS

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CURRAN - On January 3rd at St George's Hospital, Dr. Michael J. aged 71 years. Loving and beloved mushand of Eleanor, fitther of James. Michael. Peter and Eleanor and grandfather of Joseph. Timothy and Robin, younger brother of Noel. Ton. Betty and Elly. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Mass on Monday lastusary 18th at the Church of Our Lady and St Peter. 15 Victoria Drive. SW19. at 11.30 am followed by histment at Putney Vale Cemetery at 12.30 pm. Flowers or donations to Arthritis and Rheumaitim Council (AR.C.) Co Fredi. W. Paine. tel: (0181) 946-1978. BERNGLEY - Peacefully on January 3rd, 1996. Rowland (Row) Berkeley aged 86 years. The dearly loved husband of Peggy, father of Hugh. Pat. Judy and Sally and a much loved grandfather and greatgrandfather and greatgrandfather. Requiem Mass on Thursday January 11th in All Salots' Church. Brenchey, Kent at 11 am. All enquiries to J. Kempsiar and Sons., tel: (01892) 523131. 823.31.
8U*LOCK - On January the Sth peacefully at Manchester Royal infirmary. Dr John Desmond Bu'Lock betoved husband of Denise and dear others.

Desmand BurLock beloved husband of Denise and dear father of Auriel, Frances and Sarah. Funeral service at Stockport Crematorium on Friday 12th January 1996 at 12 noon. No flowers please. Donations to Salvadon Arbay may be sent to Malcolm Shaw & San. 3 Church Street. Marole. Stockport.

COLE - Evelyn pencarulty on 2nd January aged 81. Professional Namey to many. She will be sady missed by family and Triends. Any enquires to the Co-operative Funeral Service. 100 Brighton Road. Purley. Et. (0181) 660-7622.

COMBE - On Thursday January 3th 1996 unexpectedly in Cambridge. Rachel Helen (Ella). Wifow of Dr. T. G.S. Combe and a beloved mother and grandmother. 3ged 83 years. Funeral Service at Cambridge Cremeburium on Wednesday January 10th at 11.46 am. CADRER - On 5th Jan GODEER - On 5th January
1996 peacefully at Park
House, Sandy, Miriam Lady
Godber aged 85 years,
Dearly loved wite of the jan
Lord Godber of Willington.
Dear mother of Richard and
Robin and a much loved
grandmother. Funeral
service at St. Lawrences
Church. Willington on
Friday 12th January at 12
noon. Family Gowers only,
Domalions in aid of Bedford
and District Handicapped
Riding Association
(B.D.H.R.A.) by Clarabut and
Plumbe. Kingsway, Bedford.

11.45 am CGOKE - Dr Angela Rossmund Cooke M.B.S. -see BALL

Crematorium, Nr Crawley.

HEISELÜR - Joy, aged 76.

after a long illiness borne
with grest courage, in Itabel
Hospice on Sth January.

Much leved mother of Xama
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BAIRRIG EV. E. 2005. 16 "He has gone, he has gone".

DUNESLEY - Edith, in her 101st year died, very pencelulty of old age, on 3rd Jahuary 1996. Requiem Mass at 10.00 am on Thursday 11th January at the Church of The Sactred Heart, Edge Hill. Wimbledon SW19, inherment at 11am Cup Road Cometery, Wimbledon, Family Rowers only. Donations if wished to Friends of The Edgety, 42 20 bry Street, London SW1.

FARRIAMES - Marion Frances Archer, widow of Dr. Romaid Faitharts, peacefully sine a short libress, on 30th Donathers 1996. She will be mitch missed by her family and friends. Private creanation. Thanksgiving JOLLY - Stephen Begster. Linguist, writer and teacher. Heart offsck on Christman morning Funeral Tuesday 9 January Mortlake Cressionium 1.30 pm. F/D 0181 567 0422.

0181 567 0422. MADDICK - Suddenly at MADDICK - Suddenly at home on Jamusny 2nd 1996. Leonard Maddick T.D. dearly loved husband of livene and father of Clare and grandlather of Harry and Victoria. Service at 91 Andrew's Church, Cobham. on Wednesday Jamusny 10th at 12 noon. Family Onversolly but densitions please to Cobham Cottage Hospital Appeal Co James & Thomas Ltd. F/D. Mill Road. Cobham. Survey KT:1 3AL. and friends. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St. John's Church. Princes Street. Edinburgh. at 2.30 pm on Thursday Jampary 11th. No flowest pieuse. Domainem to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund Addressing Nursuit.

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MUTLAND - On 2nd January, after a short Emeus, Marion Lily, of West Wellow, Hampshire. Widow of Hubert and dearly loved mother of Penny. Angels, Jim and Jo. Private cremation followed by Service of Thanksyving at St. John the Baptist Church, Burley on Saturday 13th January at 1.30 am. Family flowers unly donations to The British Heart Foundation of Wessex Childrens Hospice Trust Appeal c/o A.H. Chester, 122 The Hundred. Rommer, Hampshire.

RICKETT - Christopher Owen. On 30th December 1995 at home peacetrally: much leved husband of June and loving Jather of Charles and Henry and grandisther of Ben. Matthew. Witten. Felicity and Verity: private cremation.

SCOTT - Suddenly on 30th December 1995 Michael aged 60 years. He will be deeply missed by Joan, Diame, Carol and Paul. Enquiries to Freeman Brothers Funeral Directors. tel: 101403) 254590.

STOOT - Charles Loved by many, died suddenly on 3:st December. We shall miss him. Funeral at St Many's of Putney isouth side of bridget

TOWREND - On January 8th in hospital after a short timess Estelle Deutse. Cuty this of the fate Albert end Marcia Frost. Beloved write of Royston and greatly loved by all. Puneral Work Chapel, Colders Green Crematorium on Thursday 11th January at 4.30 pm.

Lincoln's inn died on the fourth of January 1996 area fourth of January 1995 after a distreminable tong Dervous libres. He is mourned by Beryl. Lucy and Domonic. By request there will be no funeral. Please send donations to St Mary's Hospital Special Trustees. London WZ 1NY.

PERSONAL

at noon.

THE MACKINTOSH OF MACKINTOSH - The Memorial Service for Lieutenant Commander Lacrism R.D. Mackinsoh of Mackintosh OEE RN. 30th and Lord Lieutenant of Lochaber. Inverness and Badenoch & Strainspey will be held at The Cathedral Church of St Andrew. Inverness at 2.30 pm on Thursday 18th January 1996.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

Riding Association (B.D.H.R.A.) to Clarabut and Plumbe. Kingaway, Bedirat.
Tel: 01234 354547.
GREEN - On 29 December 1996, Alian, formerly of Commercial Union Assurance Company and Kay, Hockmann & Patt. Finneral stryice Wednesday 10 Japuary 1:30 pm at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Nr Crawley.

HEISELER - Joy. aged 76. after a long illness borne with great courage. in Rabel

on Japuary 12th at 12

WOOLLATT - Alan Charles

MEMORIAL SERVICES NORMAN - A Memorial Service for Antony Norman OBE will be held on Wednesday January 10th 1996 at St Clement Dane Church, The Strand, London

Thursday 10th 1996.

YARROW - Audrey. A
Thanksgiving Service at St.
Luke's Church, Sydney
Street, SW3 on Wednesday
17th Jamuary at 12 noon.

RISHER - Emerins Professor F.J. Born July 22 1908, died January 7 1988, Always remembered. Barbara, Teresa and Masthew. ENDIONS - In proud and constant memory of my beloved husband Lewis Simmons (Sim) January 8th

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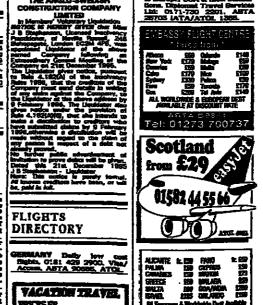
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ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE

Admiral Arleigh Burke, wartime US Navy destroyer commander, died on January I aged 94. He was born on October 19, 1901.

ALTHOUGH the naval war in the Far East is generally thought of as having been a long-range duel between the aircraft of rival carrier groups, it also gave rise to some of the most fiercely fought surface actions in any theatre. For his successes in such battles often breathtaking, high-speed affairs conducted at night against a backdrop of palm-fringed tropical islands — Arleigh Burke made himself the most celebrated destroyer skipper in the US

The intensity of these actions owed much to the well-matched nature of the forces involved. Unlike naval operations in the European and Atlantic theatres, which were, from the British point of view, essentially a dour postal defensive struggle to preserve supply lines, the Pacific saw a clash between modern navies conducted in the spirit sell-off of a fiery offensive.

The characters of the contestants lent much to this atmosphere: the Japareopen nese, resourceful, brave and conscious that they must score a quick knockout blow before the still dormant industrial might of their opponents could be aroused; the Americans, puguation, determined to avenge galling defeats that they possessed the capacity to encompass that end. Inflict-ing, not avoiding, damage was at the forefront of consciousness on both sides. Both navies, too, possessed large destroyer fleets of modern, well-armed vessels, considerably more powerfully gunned than most of those of Britain and Germany.

Burke had a considerable reputation as a ship and squadron handler before the war started. But he set the seal on it in the sea battles of the Solomons campaign of late 1943. Thereafter he took part in the decisive actions of the Philippines which finally destroyed the Japanese Navy. After the war he rose to become Chief of Naval Operations, a post in which he served for an unprecedented three terms.

Arleigh Burke was born in Boulder. Colorado, and educated locally and at Columbus, Missouri, before attending the US Naval Academy at Minneapolis. He later took an engineering degree at the University of Michigan. Before the war he served in a number of sea appointments, gaining wide experience in battleships, cruisers and destroyers. But ironically he was in a shore appointment in Washington when Pearl Harbor was attacked, and had great difficulty getting back to sea. It was not until early in 1943 that he

was sent to the South Pacific where the



nal the previous November, Halsey had demonstrated to the Japanese that their days of supremacy in the sphere of destroyer actions was over, and that they could expect stern opposition from the ships of the US Navy.

One of the principal instruments of this new-found aggressiveness was Burke, who was appointed to command Squadron 23, soon to become known as the "little Beavers" (a ritle having nothing to do with their diligence, but referring to a wellknown American comic strip character). Meanwhile, Burke's penchant for taking his squadron into battle at the highest speed possible in any given set of circumstances earned him the nickname "31-knot Burke".

Towards the end of 1943 the desperate fighting which had begun at Guadalcanal in mid-1942 was rolling towards the northwestern end of the Solomons archipelago, where the Japanese were making their last stand. In November 1943, Squadron 23 scored two of its most resounding victories, the first off Empress Augusta Bay. Bougainville, where the American combative Admiral "Bull" Halsey had ships proved by their devastating use pine Sea. When, on the morning of torpedo attacks that they had numericine sea-fighting off Guadalca-shrugged off an earlier tendency to be

wary of Japanese superiority in that department (The Japanese 21-inch, oxygen-powered Long Lance torpedo was one of the best of the war.) In No 23's second action, on November 25, 1943, it intercepted a force which was trying to reinforce the very last Japanese outpost, on Buka Island, as the tip of the Solomons. In a brisk night battle off Cape St George. New Ireland, Burke's ships sank three Japanese destroyers in what proved a triumphant American finale to the Solomons campaign.

In March 1944 Burke went as chief of staff to Admiral Marc Mitscher, commander of US Task Force 58. Although it was a leap for a destroyer man to go to air operations, Burke was no hidebound "salt horse" (not actually a US Navy term, but one which in RN parlance describes a committed small ship man). As an engineer by profession he loved the application of innovatory technology to warfare and threw himself wholeheartedly into the art of deploying naval airpower.

This was now to be seen at its most devastating in the Battle of the Philip-

discovered themselves, they fondly imagined themselves to be in a position to strike a crippling blow against the Americans. But they had reckoned without the magnificent radar cover enjoyed by the US Navy, and its capacity to deliver shrewd counter-punches. Most of the 370 aircraft the Japanese launched never came anywhere near Task Force 58. Thanks to the superb co-operation between Mitscher and Burke, American naval fighters intercepted the Japanese attackers 50 miles out from the task force and wreaked havor on them. Those few that penetrated the fighter screen entered a maelstrom of antiaircraft fire which took further toll of their numbers. The Japanese lost 240 aircraft, compared with an American figure of 29, a total so disproportionate that the day has become enshrined in the annals of American naval aviation as "the Great Marianas Turkey Shoot".

Burke served in Task Force 58 virtually to the end of the war in the Pacific, seeing action in most of the major battles, including that of the Leyte Gulf which finally broke the Imperial Japanese Navy. He was aboard the aircraft carrier Bunker Hill when she was hit by a kamikaze plane off Okinawa in May 1945, and was decorated for his bravery in extricating

the wounded from burning wreckage.
After the war he fell into disfavour for a while for his participation in the 1949 "admirals' revolt" against Pentagon plans to place what he thought was an undue reliance on the giant Convair B36 bomber as a method of exercising strategic power. (An eccentric design with six "pusher" piston engines, it was anyway not a great success and was soon superseded by the Boeing B47 and B52 jet bombers.)

Burke believed that the carrier task group should be a central plank in US strategic thinking, and once the cloud over him had been dispelled he was able to put his ideas into effect. In 1955 he was appointed Chief of Naval Operations by President Eisenhower over the head of large numbers of competitors for the office, and held it until 1961. Those were the years which saw the development of the US Navy into an unmatched global striking force, with its large aircraft carriers, nuclear hunter-killer and Polaris submarines and a highly versatile am-phibious arm. President Kennedy asked him to stay on for a fourth term, but he retired to take up a strategic studies post at Georgetown University.

In 1989 he had the satisfaction of having the first of a class of powerful guided missile destroyers named after him when USS Arleigh Burke was launched from the Bath Ironworks, in Maine.

He is survived by his wife Roberta ("Bobbie"). They had no children.

ERNEST WHITTEMORE

Ernest Whittemore, MM and Bar, Under-Secretary, Department of Health and Social Security, 1973-76, died on December 31 aged 79. He was born on August 31,

A ROBUST man of great energy and determination. Ernest Whittemore played a leading role during his Civil Service career in implement-ing some of the important decisions which were made about the state pension scheme and its relationship with other schemes, in the 1960s and 1970s. He was a man whose career demonstrated that success in the top ranks of the Civil Service is by no means the preserve of those with an Oxbridge education. In 1934, straight from

Raine's Foundation Gramman School in Stepney, he joined the civilian staff at New Scot-land Yard as a clerical officer, and in the following year he was transferred as an executive officer to the pensions side of the Ministry of Health. where he remained until 1942. During this period, he was working for a degree in the evening department of King's College London. He graduaied in English with first-class honours and for this perfor-mance was awarded the Brewer Prize by his College. Having initially been reject-

ed for military service on grounds of poor eyesight, he succeeded in joining the Royal Artillery in 1942 and gave valuable service in the North African and Italian campaigns, reaching the rank of sergeant. In 1944, after the Battle of Cassino, he was awarded the Military Medal. to which a Bar was added a year later, after the fall of the Gothic Line.

On his return to the Civil Service in 1945, he was assigned to the newly-formed Ministry of National Insurance and remained in that department and successor departments until his retirement as an Under-Secretary in 1976. Throughout his career, good use was made of his ability to carry through difficult and urgent administrative tasks with expedition and accuracy. guistic contacts with a univer-



When a contracting-out facility was introduced into the state pension scheme in 1961 by Mr John (now Lord) Boyd-Carpenter, Whittemore was a leading member of the group of civil servants made responsible for the detailed planning and implementation of the new arrangements. This experience stood him in good stead in the 1970s when, as an Under-Secretary, he was again engaged in working on the integration of the state pension scheme with occupational schemes. This work involved extensive consultation with experts from the wider pensions world, by whom he soon became much

respected. As an Assistant Secretary, he had been seconded for a short period to the Children's Department of the Home Office, in anticipation of the transfer of its work to the Department of Health and Social Security. Here also he showed his remarkable drive and dependability by meeting almost impossible deadlines. Though a man of great sensitivity, he remained unflustered whatever the pressure.

He had a searching mind. and the intellectual energy he displayed in his work extended also to his leisure pursuits. As a soldier in North Africa he had devoted off-duty hours to learning Arabic, and his lin-

sity professor in Algiers attracted the attention of the military police lest he should have become entangled in some sort of espionage. While serving in the Italian campaign, he learnt Italian, and discovered Dante. He retained a love of Italy and of things Italian for the rest of his life becoming, with his wife, a keen member of the British-Italian Society and of the Italian Institute. It was typical of him that, on his retirement from the Civil Service, when asked by his colleagues to choose a retirement present. he chose to have a large Garzanti dictionary and a fine Italian edition of Dante's

works.

A committed Christian, he was an active member of the Church of England, with a strong leaning towards ecumenicalism. He also dedicated himself to the work of the United Nations Association. He was much involved in activities in the local community and was an energetic collector for the United Nations Association and other good causes. He made himself a highly competent bookbinder, and devoted a great deal of attention to his much-loved garden where he grew sweet peas and in consequence became a keen member of the National Sweet Pea Society. He is survived by his wife Mollie, and two daughters.

RAMÓN VINAY

SCYAL MAI

Ramôn Vinay, South baritone, died in Puebla. Mexico, on January 4 aged 83. He was born in Chillan, Chile, on August

31, 1912

RAMÓN VINAY made his Covent Garden debut in Sepember 1950 during a short eason given there by La cala, Milan. It was the cala's first postwar visit to ondon and, under the comnand of Victor de Sabata, the ompany made sure it was a ery glossy affair. The leading talian singers of the day were n display: Caniglia, Carosio, agliavini, Gobbi, Silveri, iepi. But for the title role of 'erdi's Otello Milan turned to ne Chilean tenor, Ramón inay. He had already opened re Scala's first season after ne war in the same role and ne company had every reason stay with him.

De Sabata might have been ne star of that September vening at the Opera House. ut Vinay had a considerable access. So, too, did a littlenown sonrano, also making er London debut, called enata Tebaldi. In the decade hich followed the war Vinay as the world's leading tello, dominating the role in e way that Domingo has one in his generation. For us some of the credit must go Arturo Toscanini. The conictor seized on Vinay after he ud taken over as Otello in 46 at the Metropolitan Opa in New York at a few

ediately signed him for one of the series of opera concerts he was to give with the NBC Symphony Orchestra in six months' time.

Tenor and maestro worked intensively together and the Vinay Otello was born: a ferocious study in wounded masculinity. Vinay looked like a Mediterranean warrior and matched this with the musical intelligence to show the vulnerability of Verdi's hero. He was a fine actor with an impressive physique and had an inbred ability to portray honesty on stage.
The Toscanini recording.

which came out on the RCA label, has rarely been out of the catalogue. Later Jon Vickers was to give a very similar Otello and both men the instantly recognisable timbre of their voices to impressive effect. Vinay was to sing Otello several hundred times before, in 1962, he turned baritone and took up the role of lago instead.

Ramón Vinay was born of French and Italian parentage and spent his early years in Chile. He took no singing lessons there, but did study the violin. In 1922 the family moved to Dignes in France and Vinay was earmarked for a career in either engineering or the family business. His father sent him off to Mexico where, it was reckoned, the job prospects would be better for his multilingual son. This was living he could. But he did frequent the local French Club and caught someone's ear by singing the Marseillaise on Bastille Day.

He started taking singing lessons and made his first stage appearance with a local amateur company as Alfonso.



Vinay as Otelio

the King of Castile, in Donizetti's La favorita. He was firmly classed as a baritone and made his professional debut after winning a radio competi-tion, also in Mexico City, as di Luna in Il trovatore. In his early thirties Vinay divided his time between opera and business, but it was becoming clear where his loyalties lay.

hours' notice from an ailing an error of judgment and In 1943 he became co-manager earlier but the opera was Vinay had to scratch what of a small opera company and cancelled. Vinay's Siegmund one evening when the Turiddu refused to go on in Cavalleria Rusticana, Vinav, already an old trouper by the age of 31, took the role himself. The baritone became a tenor.

He was engaged by the Mexico City Opera for roles which included Otello and José before being whisked off to New York to the City Opera for a similar repertory. From there it was a short step to The Met. José was his debut part for both companies and marked the first of his series of portrayals of honest men who believe themselves spurned. Canio in Pagliacci was to follow shortly and Saint-Saens's Samson not long after. Vinay became a great favourite at The Met. staying there for 15 seasons until 1961.

The robust, baritonal qualities of Vinay's voice inevitably led him into the Wagner repertoire. He was first engaged at Bayreuth in 1952 and continued to sing there until 1957. He returned to the festival in 1962 for Telramund in Lohengrin, so becoming one of the few artistes to sing both major tenor and baritone roles at the festival.

His other Wagner tenor heroes included Tannhäuser. Parsifal, Tristan and Siegmund. It was in that latter role he made his debut with the Royal Opera Company in October 1953: Radames, not one of Vinay's star interpretations, had been scheduled

was heard in Britain, both in London and when the company was on tour in the regions, throughout the 1950s. and it was the part in which he made his last appearance at the Garden in October 1959. In between there were two dozen Otellos and, in 1958, a brief

glimpse of his Tristan. Ramon Vinay made his Salzburg debut in 1951, inevitably as Otello, in a perfor-mance conducted by Wilhelm Furtwängler and with Paul Schöffler as Iago. He came back fifteen years later for a single appearance as Escamillo in Carmen, so completing, as at Bayreuth, his tenor-baritone double.

His readiness to take on the heaviest roles in the tenor repertoire, with little light relief, apart from Lensky in Eugene Onegin and occasional forays into Puccini with Des Grieux in Manon Lescaut, led to wear on the voice. The top notes never came easily, especially when sung softly, al-though Vinay had an adroit way around the floated close of the Flower Song in Carmen. This was almost certainly why Vinay reverted to baritone after fifty. He concentrated on mainstream Italian opera with roles such as Scarpia. Rigoletto and Falstaff. He retired from singing in 1969 and for a couple of years administered the Santiago

He is survived by a son and a daughter.

MALISE NICOLSON

Malise Nicolson, MC, President of the General Council of British Shipping during the Falklands war, died from cancer on December 22 aged 74. He was born on October 31, 1921.

IT WAS unusual for someone from a small shipping company to become President of the General Council of British Shipping. Malise Nicolson had been chairman of the Booker Line for many years, and he used his term of office. 1982-83, which coincided with the Falklands War, to reorganise an overweight organisation. After the end of the conflict he tried to persuade

the Government of the day to support British shipping in order to be able to mount a task force at sea again. This did not endear him to the powers that be, something which did not worry him. Malise Allen Nicolson was born in Calcutta, the son of Sir Kenneth Nicolson and Mignon Shuttleworth, whose father Allen Thornton Shuttleworth had fought in the Indian Mutiny in 1857. He left Eton at the outbreak of the Second World War deter-

mined to join the Army. But being too young for the British Army, he went out to India and joined Probyn's Horse, arguably the finest cavalry regiment in the Indian Army. They were still horsed when he joined but were mechanised in the early 1940s and took part in the Burma campaign. Nicolson was a squadron lead-er at the age of 22 and saw fierce lighting in the dash to. and the capture of, Meiktila. In these operations he was awarded the Military Cross. He transferred to The Royal Dragoons in 1946 and left the Army in 1947 with the rank of major. He then returned to India and worked for the shipping agents Gladstone Lyali in Calcutta. However, believing that there was no future in India, he returned to this country in 1955. He joined

Booker Bros in Liverpool in 1956 and became chairman of



the Booker Line, the shipping arm of Booker McConnell, in 1968. In that year he also became a director of Booker McConnell, retiring from both appointments in 1983. He was a director of McConnell Salmon from 1973 and became its chairman in 1980, staying on until 1990. The company is now the largest salmon farming company in Britain, and owes much of its success to his foresight, perseverance and

Recognised for his ability. he was appointed to various boards: he was a governmentappointed director of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board 1974-80, and latterly a CBI-appointed director of the National Dock Labour Scheme 1986-90, for the reason that he wanted to see it abolished - which it was.

He had always been a keen horseman and a bruising rider across the Wynnstay country. He turned his attention to racing and breeding once he had the time. He was chairman of Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse from 1984 to 1994, and there is no doubt that its present position as a profitable and popular racecourse is entirely due to him.

The Racecourse Association soon realised his worth and made him one of its directors and the Midland area chairman, 1981-90. He was one of the few who visualised the potential of SIS (Satellite Information Services) which has been the lifeblood of many small racecourses over the last few years.

He was also a noted breeder of Section B Welsh ponies and of Gloucester cattle, one of the oldest rare breeds in the country. Malise Nicolson could not abide either pomposity or incompetence, nor did he look for preferment. He left his mark on the many facets of his life through his ability, integrity, energy and

courage. His courage was never more in evidence than during his last long illness. He is survived by his wife Vivien. a son and two

Church news

ie Rev Simon Starkey, aplain at Chester College: be Team Vicar, St Bride's verpool (Liverpool). e Rev David Snuges, Cu-

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urin, Knowle (Bristol). a Rev David Brenmall, ar, Stevenage St Peter nadwater: to be Vicar, St nans St Peter (St Albans).

The Rev Donald Brockbank. Vicar, Altrincham St John and Diocesan Urban Officer (Chester): to be Ecumenical Officer and Associate Minister, Lichfield St Michael (w St Mary and St John Wall)

(Lichfield). The Rev John Downs, Curate (NSM), Barlestone: to be Curate (NSM), Thornton, Bagworth and Stanton, w permission to officiate at

Markfield (Leicester). The Rev Dr Gordon Edwards: to be Honorary Curate, St Paul, Chippenham w Hardenhuish and Langley Burrell and Kington St Michael (Bristol).

Retirement The Rev Thomas Hindley, Rector, Christ Church, Harpurhey and St Stephen. Harpurhey (Manchester): to retire December 31.

Nature notes

HERONS are coming back to their bulky nests in the tree tops. The pair stand side by side on the nest, and the female tinkers with the rearrangement of a few twigs, but they will not seriously start repairing the nest for a week or two. Magpies are gathering in excited parties in the trees, chattering and then flying off in long lines: these are thought to be mainly young birds that are preparing to mate and take up

territories. One or two blackbirds have begun to sing softly at dusk on a mild day, but most of them will not be heard till February. Great tits are singing their two-note song - "teacher, teacher" - in woods and gardens, and coal tits singing their more rapid version of it among the conifers. Downy.



The heron

blueish-green leaves are opening on the honeysuckle: it twines itself round the boughs of young trees, and sometimes its stems wind round each other to form a stout cable. Under the trees, the autumn leaves lying on the ground have turned dark in the rain and are beginning to rot: earthworms drag them for food into their holes. DJM

A BOX OF CHOCOLATES By H.V. Morton

A man with the high, bald forehead of a stage chemist stood in the Greenford Factory (where Lyons Chocolates come from) holding a small test tube to the light. There was something grim in his

preoccupation. I have seen the same expression on the faces of doctors and scientists who believe that they are on the verge of isolating a new germ. His spectacles glittered passionately. it seemed, as the fluid in the test tube changed colour. Swiftly he added

another liquid, shook the tube, anxiously smelt it, examined it, and then, dipping into it a thin glass rod, tasted it He put down the glass rod, put down the test tube, took up a pen and wrote in a book. Then, with a brief nod in which I seemed to read a kind of careless triumph, in dead silence he left the room

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long red bungalow-like workrooms are a tribute to the Middlesex air. No film of smoke or grime defaces them. Broad avenues run between them. Green turf surrounds them, flower beds in the

"This." said my guide. "is the Dipping Room." The dippers, with a speed and dexterity impossible to describe, took up the centres, dabbled them about in the brown flood of chocolate, and set them aside evenly covered, smooth, shining, Ealing, It stands in 30 acres of nurf. The perfect. I watched one girl with the

hands of a pianist dipping a flat chocolate distinguished by a little spiral like a brown tail on the top of it. She quickly immersed it, dabbled it, brought it out, and then, with one rapid movement of a finger, decorated it with a tiny trickle of chocolate. It was finished! "It takes a year for a girl to become a good dipper." said my guide.

daughters.

A file of girls came on dury. They had come straight from the manicure shop. He opened another door, in a small laboratory a number of solemn men were eating chocolates. I have never seen anyone eat chocolates with the same queer expression. You know how hens drink water with a kind of skyward reflectiveness?

What are they doing?" "They are testing for variation in flavour. A subtle difference in taste not noticeable by the general public is nevertheless corrected. These men have wonderful palates and can track down the very faintest variation."

We tip-toed away. It was evidently a solemn occasion.

NEWS

Major admits possibility of defeat

■ John Major publicly accepted the possibility of a general election defeat for the first time yesterday when he told Conservatives that they would lose unless they stopped their internal battles and pulled together.

■ Delivering his grimmest warning yet of the dangers of the disputes that have resurfaced since the defection of Emma Nicholson, the Prime Minister said it would be folly to hand power to a Labour Party that had opposed everything the Tories had done for 16 years..... Pages 1, 2, 16

School contracts for parents

Parents will all have formal contracts with their children's schools under plans outlined by John Major in an attempt to trump Labour's growing emphasis on civic duties. He promised a new raft of education reformsPages 1, 17

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Charity inquiry

A charity hospital which is de-

manding £42,000 back from its

former priest and chairman, is to

examine a failed Spanish build-

ing project in which they inve-

A memorial to be placed in St

Paul's Cathedral listing British

Service personnel killed in the

Gulf War includes the name of a

sailor stabbed by another crew

member after a drunken

President Clerides of Cyprus has

accused police of committing

murders and being involved in

gangland battles to control drugs,

gambling and prostitution. Near-

ly a million Britons a year holiday

Cyprus corruption

Gulf War memorial

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Death at the opera

Richard Versalle, 63, a tenor at New York's Metropolitan Opera, died on stage immediately after delivering the line: "Too bad you can only live so long". He was singing in an opera about eternal

Lottery wait

Two of the three winners of the record £42-million National Lottery jackpot had failed by last night to claim their share of the prize moneyPage 3

Snowboard Prince The Prince of Wales tried snow-

boarding, the youthful alternative to skiing, in the Swiss resort of Klosters... _Page 3

Mansion murder

The 58-year-old housekeeper for a wealthy elderly widow was found clubbed to death as her employer's mock-Regency mansion burned around herPage 3

Ponies in distress

Animal welfare charities are rescuing distressed, abandoned, injured or starving Shetland ponies from owners who have answered advertisements saying: "Don't buy a lawnmower — buy a ..Page 3

Land's End sale John O'Groats and Land's End. mainland Britain's most remote tourist extremities, go on sale together for a collective price of

Susanna Agnelli, the Italian For-

EU alarm bells

on the island....

eign Minister, has outlined a federalist programme for the European Union which is likely to ring alarm bells in Britain...... Page 7

Orphans 'starved'

Claims that China systematically starves children to death in orphanages threaten to sour a visit by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, to Peking... Pages 8, 17 Free Willy

A 21-foot killer whale that starred in the film Free Willy, has begun

Epic voyage founders in marina

A builder who embarked on a round-the-world yacht voyage with his extended family is back in Britain after the adventure and four years early. Gordon Finch, who pledged not to return until he hoped the economy would be "sorted out", is back in his £250,000 home - which had failed to sell Page 3



Russians in Kazan Cathedral, St Petersburg, light candles under icons yesterday to celebrate Orthodox Christmas. Pages 7, 17

BUSINESS

Decision day: The board of Granada meets today to decide the outcome of the cliff-hanging £3.2 billion battle for Forte, the hotelier to caterer. A decision on whether to raise the stakes must be announced by tomorrow, under City takeover .. Page 40

Turbulence: Airbus Industrie is offering to knock up to 40 per cent off the price of its \$140 million A330 twin-jets, in a bid to prevent Boeing from carrying off one of its most valued customers Page 40

Festive spree: Credit card spending soared in the run-up to Christmas, according to a survey. Next, Argos. Boots, Sears and House of Fraser are among retailers due to disclose their Christmas trading figures ... Page 40

Starting today: A four-part series looking at ageing, offers advice on how to stay looking and feeling Pages 12 and 13

Perfectly cut: Wearing the Agnès b. label carries a discreet signal. Kate Muir meets the charming

Fresh treatment: Nigel Hawkes on how a flock of sheep is helping to target anti-cancer drugs Page 14

Flower power: The snowdrop has a punch that will be used to protect crops against aphids Page 14 Friendly welcome: The first manmade signals that aliens will hear come from ballistic missile radars.

☐ General: England and Wales will start cloudy and windy. Outbreaks of rain over western and central parts will

extend east during the day. Blustery showers and bright intervals will push in from the west. These will reach all

but easternmost counties by evening. Rain and strong winds already over Northern Ireland will sweep across

much of Scotland during the morning, extending to all parts in the afternoon.

showers will edge into Northern Ireland later and spread to western

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☐ Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, N W England, Lake District, Central N England: cloudy with rain outbreaks; clearer by evening. Wind south to southeast fresh to

parts of Scotland in afternoon.

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Brighter conditions with squally

Arts crisis: When Virginia Bottomley visits the Victoria and Albert Museum, she will hear that the institution has serious financial headaches as a result of cuts to its annual grantPage i0

Hot ticket: Benedict Nightingale on the London premiere of Saltimbanco, a spellbinding new show from Canada's circus troupe. Cirque du Soleil Page II

Medieval treasure: Even listeners reasonably familiar with medieval music would have been startled by the feast served up by the New London Consort at the Purcell . Page li

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IN THE TIMES

■ NEW SERIES Our Friends in the North, Peter Flannery's television saga of sleaze and corruption

BODY AND MIND Dr Simon Wessely on good news for sufferers of chronic fatigue syndrome

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□ E England, N E England: cloudy, outbreaks of rain spreading from west during morning. Wind south to southeast fresh to strong. Max 10C (50F).

□ Channel Isles, S W England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland: cloudy with outbreaks of rain; becoming brighter and more showery in afternoon. Wind south strong. Max 10C-12C (50F-54F).

□ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee.

Strong. Max 10.2-12.C (SUP-SAF).

Sorders, Edinburgh & Dundee,
Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, N E Scotland, Orkney,
Shetland: rain spreading in; mostly
dying out later. Wind southeast
strong Max 7C-9C (45F-48F).

S W Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N W Scotland: cloudy, outbreaks of

rain in morning, brighter and more showery later. Wind southeast strong.

Outlook bright in west with windy showers, more cloudy in east.

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Max 8C-10C (46C-50F).

Football: Les Ferdinand scored in injury time to snatch a 1-1 draw for Premiership leaders Newcastle, in their FA Cup-tie against Chelsea. Everton, the Cup holders, were held to a 2-2 draw by Stockport

..... Pages 23, 24, 25 Rugby Union: England called up Jon Sleighthome and Steve Ojo moh, both of Bath, for the opening match of the five nations' championship against France. Damian Hopley and Tim Rodber are dropped ...

Cricket: England suffered another defeat when they went down by three wickets to a Western Province team that was without several key players... Rugby union: Toulouse, the

French champions, became the inaugural winners of the European Cup when they beat Cardiff in an exciting final that went to extra-... Page 22

Rughy league: Wigan beat Leeds 38-18 to reach the final of the Regal Trophy for the fourth successive time. They will meet St Helens, who defeated Warrington last _ Page 30

Anyone who seriously believed that all the promises made by the Board an factions when they reached a peace agreement in Dayton would be put into effect smoothly nowaknows otherwise.

- The New York Times

Preview: Valeri Lavrinenko can stop his pulse at will, stay under water for longer than seems possible and survive 80,000-volt shocks to the base of his skull in The Paranormal World of Paul McKenna (ITV, 8.30pm).

Review: It is a little early for Peter York to be reminding us of the 1980s, says Lynne Truss ... Page 39

Parental duties

The more that parents understand their responsibilities for the moral, social and educational development of their children, the less these safety-net measures will be needed - and the more cohesive society will become Page 17

Russia's midwinter

Russia's new year is still hard to read and it is far from the "normality" that reformers crave and the .. Page 17 world needs....

The way of all

Without the common mortal grind to set them against, dreams are a disappointment and holidays a contradiction Page 17

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

In January 1995, one began to feel that one knew where John Major stood; but in January 1996, one has to acknowledge that one does

PETER RIDDELL

If Labour came to office before the autumn - and perhaps even before next year - it would risk a repetition of the confusion and incoherence which so undermined Harold Wilson's Governments. Creating a new party takes time Page 16 **MATTHEW PARRIS**

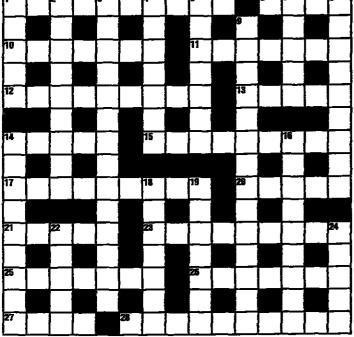
Just sprinkle the fattener on to your monosodium glutamate (with all the chow mean removed) and watch those rolls of fat grow! ____ Page 16

Admiral Arleigh Burke, wartime American destroyer commander: Ernest Whittemore, former

Under-Societary, Department of Health and Social Security, Ramon Vinay, opera singer, Malisc Nicolson, President of the General Council of British Shipping during the Falklands Conflict Page 19

Wastefulness of charity appeals: what Hong Kong can teach Britain; hallmarks of a portrait painter; our cultural state.

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ACROSS

- I Girl takes in Conservative mem ber about business partner (10). 6 Old coin and ring left by former
- 10 Instrument of torture concealed in mountain ferns (7).
- 11 By popular demand? That's not entirely accurate (7). 12 Lacking ambition, like a nine-to-
- five worker, perhaps (9). 13 Layabout escapes from quarrel, disappearing in the opposite
- direction (5). 14 It sounds like river bait (5).
- 15 Lad in cosy accommodation belonging to the council (9). 17 Gourmet transformed an initially
- unappetizing recipe (9). 20 Dangerous atmosphere in borders of Hungary (5).
- 21 Like a layer of wood that's grey (5). 23 Just competent, but open to correction (9).



The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,057 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberiour single highland malt whisky,

- 25 Trendy fashion editor gave monotonous performance (7). 26 Extravagant rise given to worker
- 27 Support removing head, say (4). 28 Representative of a thousand fish a fisherman put back (10).
- I Pulpits where bishop goes into
- holy book (5). 2 Hubbub after union troubled a nich pair of Eastern states (9). 3 Manufacture article, managing to
- set the pace (4,3,7). 4 They cut in, in the dance (7).
- 5 Blush about supporting illegal acts our East (7). 7 Black Labrador initially eating
- uncooked scrap (5). 8 Confederate following Yankee measure, word for word (9). 9 Backing a newspaper is old-
- fashioned (6,3,5). 14 Believer accepts blame for health worker (9). 16 Dock management providing
- support for writers (9). 18 Macmillan accepted this mad role, foolishly (7).
- 19 River spirit raised in African country (7). 22 Call demanding attention. on
- phone in inn (5). 24 Go in for chips without fish at first (5).

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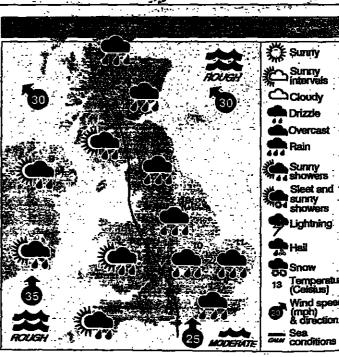
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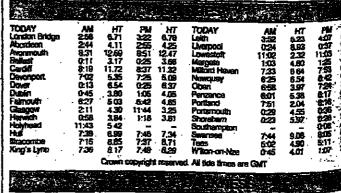
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